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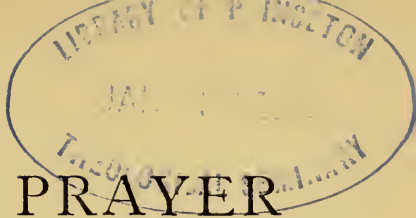
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## P R E F A C E.



IN every form of Public Worship, there will always be some portions which owe not a little of their meaning and value to the fact that they have become very familiar to the minds of the worshippers. In the absence of any Book of Prayer this element is, to some extent, supplied in the well-known Hymns, in the more purely devotional Lessons from Scripture, and in the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction; and where a Liturgy is used, the familiar and oft-repeated words of prayer and thanksgiving become enriched with something more than their own natural beauty and significance, as they gather round them a treasure of sacred thoughts and memories, and the solemn impressions of worship.

Few can be insensible to the influences of such associations; and it may also be felt that a Liturgy in which the Congregation have a distinct part and voice, will help to confirm and deepen the feeling of *common* prayer, and to bring the minds of fellow-worshippers into more close and conscious union.

In the stress, however, which is often laid on these features of liturgical worship, it may be that too little account is taken of the special meaning of the free prayer of the Minister. However truly and beautifully the prayers in a Liturgy may express those spiritual needs and desires, those pious thoughts and aspirations, which are common to all religious minds in every age, it may yet be felt that the Minister, in his own prayer, has an opportunity, not to be neglected, of fresh and, in some sense, of more personal utterance, varying with the varying knowledge and experience of the day, and lifting up into the light of divine communion the thoughts and feelings, the dangers and temptations, the gifts and blessings, of the present time. And although it is not the *same* thing to read the well-known words from the book, and to follow the words of the Minister in extempore or written prayer, yet, if the minds of Minister and People are in any true accord, his prayer will be the prayer of all, his voice the voice of the Congregation.

With a conviction of the distinct value of both Liturgical and Free prayer, the following Collection of Prayers has been made on a somewhat different plan from that of most existing Liturgies. Instead of providing for the whole, or almost the whole, of the congregational worship, the prayers have been arranged so as to form, with the Sentences and short Addresses which precede them, the opening portion only of the service, leaving a

distinct and sufficient place for the Minister's prayer ; and they are confined, as a rule, to those simpler utterances of pious love and trust and self-consecration, often so touching and impressive in their earnestness and grave simplicity, which have a power of their own to take the soul, as it were, into a calm and peaceful region of religious feeling, where it may always feel at home and at rest.

It might seem, perhaps, that the number and variety of these Orders of Worship were greater than was needed, and that a more limited collection would have ensured more certainly the advantages of common use and familiarity. It is expected, however, that, out of the whole number of Services, a smaller group will, in fact, be selected for habitual use ; the Minister and Congregation choosing, in each case, the prayers which they can join in most earnestly and consistently, as the natural and sincere utterance of their own devotion. The Orders have, accordingly, been arranged in the book rather for convenience of reference and selection than for consecutive use. The first twenty-two have been compiled almost entirely from the older devotional literature ; the seven which follow are from more recent sources, or have been contributed specially to this collection. The concluding Order, adapted from the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, has been included,—as has also the

Litany in the twenty-second,—not in the belief that these adaptations can ever be really satisfactory, but because, in one form or another, they have been in frequent use, and they would have been missed in a collection which claimed to be at all a comprehensive one.

In adapting to the plan and purpose of the work the selections which have been made from the older books of devotion, many omissions and changes of phrase have been inevitable; and, indeed, a considerable number of the prayers can only be said to be adapted from, or merely suggested by, the originals. If it had been possible, with any literary propriety, to have connected with them the names of their authors, there would have been found amongst them not a few of those eminent in the literature of devotion. In the work of adaptation and revision, and in much else, valuable help has been given by a few friends, to whom the greater part of the book has been submitted while it was in progress. Several have also contributed to its contents. Almost all the prayers which are common to this and other collections have been derived directly from their original sources; though not without reference, in some cases, to the form in which they have appeared elsewhere.

The Prayers and Thanksgivings, which constitute the latter half of the volume, are designed as much for private as for public devotion; but



all are in a form which will admit of their being used in social worship. Besides the prayers with special subjects, or for special occasions and seasons, a few general ones are also given; for, although it is intended that the prayer following those printed in the Order should, as a rule, be the free prayer, there may be times when the Minister will feel that it would be a help and gain both to himself and to his people, to join in some general utterance of devotion with which he and they had become to some extent familiar.

A desire has been not unfrequently expressed that a brief Interval of Silence should be set apart, in the course of the service, for inward prayer and meditation; and there are probably many who would value such a pause of self-recollection and "waiting for the Spirit," when each might feel in the quiet of his own thoughts, the nearness of that Presence which all were seeking together. Such an act of silent prayer, though it has been already suggested, and occasionally observed, would still, perhaps, be somewhat strange to the usual traditions of social worship; and it has seemed undesirable to provide for it as a part of the regular Order. If, however, the Minister had reason to believe that it would be entered into and valued by the Congregation, he might, at any suitable time in the course of the service, invite them to join in silent prayer.

In the Addresses, it has been left to the Minister

to supply the usual greeting, "Dearly beloved brethren," or to address his people in some other phrase, if he should prefer to do so.

In the Order which is marked to follow the opening prayers, it has not been thought necessary to print the Psalms and Canticles where they are appointed to be sung. They do not form an essential part of the service, as a Hymn may be substituted for either Chant or Anthem. Where they are sung, they may be selected from any collection already in use; or the Psalms and Canticles which have been published in the same form as the present volume may be bound up with the Prayers.

The *Responses* and *Amens* may be either said or sung; and, in all the Orders, the proportion of music introduced may depend on the wishes of the Congregation and the resources of the Choir.

The aim, throughout the book, has been to put everything into as simple a form as possible, and to allow as much freedom of choice as is consistent with the use of any Order of prayer in which the Congregation take part. And, whether it be accepted, or not, as suggesting and providing such a form of united worship, it is hoped that it may not fail to render some service as an aid to devotion, and to religious thought and life, in the Church, or in the Home.

R. C. J.

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ORDERS OF WORSHIP





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FIRST ORDER OF WORSHIP.

MORNING.

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*The Minister may read one or more of the Sentences  
and then the Address; all standing.*

WHEREWITH shall I come before the  
Lord, and bow myself before the high  
God?

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is  
good; and what doth the Lord require of  
thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with thy God.

MICAH vi. 6, 8.

God is a Spirit; and they that worship  
him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

JOHN iv. 24.

*Address.*

DEARLY beloved brethren, We know  
that the infinite God is not worshipped  
with men's hands as though he needed any-  
thing, seeing that he giveth to all life and  
breath and all things; neither can our prayer  
be without his help. We come to him, be-  
cause our hearts seek the source of the love  
that fills them, our souls turn to the light

that shines upon them. And now that we have assembled together as brethren, earnestly desiring to draw nigh to him who is ever most near to us, let us yield ourselves up to the leading of his Spirit and the inspiration of his love. And may we worship him so truly here, that we may be helped by our prayer to worship him in our daily work, in deeds of loving-kindness, in thoughts of gratitude, in steadfast patience and trust, in heartfelt penitence for sin, and in works of duty faithfully fulfilled.

*The following Prayers may then be said by the Minister; the People responding with AMEN.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Father: we give thee thanks that of thy goodness thou hast watched over us during the past night, and brought us to this day. We beseech thee to strengthen and direct us by thy Spirit, that we may spend it wholly in thy service. As thou sheddest now the beams of the sun upon the earth, to give light unto our eyes, so illumine our souls with thy heavenly wisdom, to guide us in the paths of thy righteousness. Guard us against the assaults of temptation, and make us watchful in every time of difficulty and danger. And, seeing it is a small thing to have begun well except we also persevere, take us, O

Lord, into thy good keeping, this day and all our days ; and continue and increase thy grace within us, until we shall be perfectly united in thy love and truth, and be made worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. *Amen.*

O GOD, who puttest into our hearts such deep desires that we cannot be at peace until we rest in thee : mercifully grant that the longing of our souls may not go unsatisfied because of any unrighteousness of life that must separate us from the All-holy. Open our ears to the counsels of eternal wisdom ; and breathe into our souls the peace which passeth understanding. Grant us to be lowly in spirit, and to have our portion in the kingdom of heaven. Sanctify our sorrow, that we may so mourn as to find comfort. Let our hunger and thirst be for righteousness, that we may be filled with the bread of heaven. Teach us so to be merciful, that we may obtain mercy in our need. Make us pure in heart, that we may see thee. Grant us to be peace-makers, as thy children, that thy peace may be with us when we suffer for righteousness' sake. O Lord, give us grace to seek first thy kingdom ; and we know that thou wilt add unto us all things needful. *Amen.*

O THOU who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee, the eternal God, and our neighbour as ourselves : grant us a peaceful spirit of divine affection, and of brotherly kindness and good will ; that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to each other in the true bond of charity, and so fulfil the law of Christ. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*



## SECOND ORDER OF WORSHIP.

### *EVENING.*



#### *Sentences.*

**B**EHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 JOHN iii. 1.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. LUKE xv. 18, 19.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; long-suffering, and of great goodness. As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his goodness toward them that fear him.

PSALM ciii. 8. 11.

#### *Address.*

**T**HE Heavenly Father, full of loving-kindness and tender mercy, is ever waiting to give the welcome of his forgiving love to all who come to him with the prayer for pardon, and with the offering of penitence and of a humble and contrite spirit. He sees our inmost hearts, and with unerring

justice marks the measure of our transgression, and perfectly knows the sin which we are slow to confess, even to ourselves. Let us, in all sincerity and humility, lay open our souls to the searching light of his holiness, and earnestly desire to see our lives as they appear in his pure sight. With a deep sense of our own unworthiness, let us cast our burden upon the Lord ; that we may be delivered from the bondage of evil, and receive new strength to obey his call in whose service is perfect freedom.

*Prayers.*

O THOU, who savest them that trust in thee: heal thou our souls, for we have sinned against thee. We have sinned, but we are ashamed and do repent of our sin, and we would turn from every evil way, and with our whole heart turn to thee. Lord, be thou our helper. Change our heaviness into joy, our dreamings into earnestness, our darkness into light. Help thou our unbelief, establish our trembling hope, and fill our hearts with the strength and comfort of thy love. *Amen.*

O LORD, our God: grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart ; that, so desiring, we may seek and find thee ; and,

so finding thee, may love thee ; and, so loving thee, may hate the sins that separate us from thee. Quench in us, O thou Lord of our life, all sinful desires ; and kindle, instead, the fire of holy love. Cleanse us from every evil passion, from self-love and self-will, and give us a heart devoted to thee. Deliver us from vain and worldly ambition, from false pride, and false shame. Take from us all frowardness of heart, all idleness and sloth, all unholy anger and unrighteous judgment. And, O merciful God, fill our hearts, we pray thee, with the graces of thy holy Spirit, with love, joy and peace, with long-suffering and gentleness, with goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. In adversity, grant us to be patient and resigned ; in prosperity, keep us humble. Receiving thy outward gifts with gratitude, and employing them in thy service, may we become ever richer in the things that do not pass away ; as we look from the things that are seen and temporal, to those that are unseen and eternal. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father everlasting, whom patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, with all the spirits of the just made perfect, continually do serve and glorify : fix the eye of our faith, we beseech thee, with clear and full vision, on the great cloud of witnesses

wherewith we are thus compassed about ; that, laying aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and receive from thee the crown of life. *Amen.*

**B**LESSED art thou, almighty Father, under whose care we have passed safely through this day, and have reached the beginning of the night. Hear our prayers, we beseech thee, and those of all thy people. Arm us with the armour of thy righteousness, fence us round with thy truth, guard us by thy power. And grant that we may pass this evening and night in peace, without sin and stumbling ; for it is thine to pity and to save, O merciful One, our God and Father in heaven. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*—[*Lesson.*—*Chant.*].—*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*—*Prayer.*—*Hymn.*





## THIRD ORDER OF WORSHIP.

### MORNING.



#### *Sentences.*

THE way of man is not in himself alone ;  
it is not in man that walketh, to direct  
his steps. JEREMIAH x. 23.

The eternal God is thy refuge ; and under-  
neath are the everlasting arms.

DEUT. xxxiii. 27.

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He  
restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ; for  
thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they  
comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life ; and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM xxiii. 1-4. 6.

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*People.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Minister.* O God make clean our hearts within us.

*People.* And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

*Prayers.*

BE present, O Lord, with thy people assembled here to worship thee. As thou dost in thy compassion vouchsafe unto us a hearty desire to pray, grant us, O most Loving, thy aid and comfort in our prayers; and may the souls which thirst for thy promises be filled from thine abundance. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, the God of our fathers, who turnest the shadow of death into morning, and lightenest the face of the earth: grant that we may be children of the light and of the day. Let the sun of thy righteousness shine in our hearts, enlightening our reason, making clear our conscience, purifying our senses. We would give ourselves to thee this day, beseeching thee so to rule and govern us by thy good Spirit, that ail faithless distrust and ail evil thoughts and

desires may be driven from our hearts, and that we may walk with joy in the light of thy countenance, and in the way of thy commandments. *Amen.*

WE will give thanks unto thee with our whole heart, O most dear and merciful Father, for the love and care with which thou watchest over thy children. Thou hast looked in pity on our sorrows, sustained our infirmities, relieved and instructed our ignorances; and though we have broken thy righteous laws and run after vanities, have yielded to temptation and fallen into sin; though we have continued in evil, and been heedless of our transgressions and impatient of thy restraint; yet hast thou never forsaken us and left us to ourselves. Thou hast called us with the voice of conscience, with precepts of holiness, with fear and shame, with gifts of gladness, with loss and suffering, by the counsel of friends, by the example of the good and the teaching of the wise, by thy living word in Jesus Christ, and by the secret breathings of thy holy Spirit. Father, suffer us not to turn a deaf ear to thy gracious calling, or to harden ourselves against thee; but may we receive into penitent and obedient hearts the merciful promises of thy forgiving love. *Amen.*

O GOD, all-wise, all-holy: grant unto us, we beseech thee, the spirit of humility and trust ; that we may ever acquiesce in all the dealings of thy grace ; that we may accept with resignation the punishment of our sins, and never frustrate the designs of thy mercy by our dulness of heart, our impatience or unreasonable fears: and, being purified by suffering, and strengthened by trial, may we be led out of all our darkness into thy heavenly light. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*



## FOURTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

### *EVENING.*



#### *Sentences.*

THE Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

LAMENTATIONS iii. 25, 26.

Return unto the Lord and forsake thy sins ; make thy prayer before his face. Turn again to the most High, and turn away from iniquity ; for he will lead thee out of darkness into the light of health.

ECCLESIASTICUS xvii. 25, 26.

#### *Address.*

LET us draw nigh to God, the unseen and unsearchable One, ever present in our life, yet infinitely above our highest thoughts. He has breathed into us the spirit whereby we call him, Father. Let us come to him as his children, and, with trust in his love and thankfulness for all his goodness, let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

*Prayers.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who hast shewn thy loving-kindness in the day-time : at even we lift up our hearts to thee, and praise the God of our life. Throughout all change, thou abidest. All the day long thy hand is upon us ; and in the night our rest is in thee. Lord, as we add day to day, let us not add sin to sin. Behold, we turn with sighing from every evil way ; let us not turn again to do that which is unrighteous in thy sight. Vouchsafe, O most merciful Father, rest to our weariness ; and, when we are weak and restless, renew our strength. From vain imaginings, from evil remembrances, from unrighteous purposes, keep us by the power of thy holy Spirit. Be thou in our thoughts when we lie down to sleep ; and when we awake may we know and feel that we are still with thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast given us light, and who grieveest because we have so often loved the darkness better : thou hast called us to follow that which is good, and to flee from that which is evil ; and thou knowest how, hour after hour, day after day, we have yielded to the temptations in our path, have done what thou hadst forbidden, and have

left undone the work thou hadst given us to do. O Thou, whose voice of warning and of love we have so little heeded, call us yet again, we beseech thee ; call us, that we may answer, and do thy bidding, that we may go astray from thee no more, but that being comforted by thy love and upheld by thy strength, we may fulfil our days on earth forgiven and at peace with thee. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the following Prayer may be said.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who revealest thyself in our hearts as Love: we humbly pray thee to give us thy holy Spirit to dwell in us in all pure affection, and constrain us to love thee again with our whole souls, and our neighbour as ourselves. So may we evermore abide in thee, and thou in us ; and may we be united in peace and concord, as members of thy household ; serving thee with gladness, and being delivered from all fear and distrust by that peaceful spirit of faith and love which was in thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*

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## FIFTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

### MORNING.

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#### *Sentences.*

THOUGHTS of peace, saith the Lord, do I think towards you. Ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken to you ; ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH xxix. 11-13.

Acquaint thyself with God, and be at peace. If thou return to the Almighty thou shalt be built up : he shall be thy defence. Then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. JOB xxii. 21-26.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. JAMES iv. 8.

#### *Address.*

UNDER the shelter of the divine Providence we have spent another week of our lives, and, guided by the hand of God, have walked safely in our several paths through the world. And now, on this day of



quiet and rest, when we pause for a while amidst the labours and cares of our daily work, it is good for us to spend a peaceful hour together in worship and communion ; to meditate on our life, its duties, its trials, and all its blessings ; and to seek from him who orders our ways strength to do and to bear his will, and faith to trust ourselves entirely to his care. Let us, then, bow down before him in lowly reverence, and lift up our souls in grateful and adoring love. And may our prayers bring us so truly into his presence, that we may find him ever nearer to us in all our lives, to guide, to strengthen, and to bless us.

*Prayers.*

O GOD most wise, most merciful : we humbly present ourselves before thee, our souls and bodies, our thoughts and words, our actions and intentions, to be disposed by thee according to thy will, to be blest by thy providence, to be guided by thy counsel, to be sanctified by thy holy Spirit. This day and all our days we would dedicate to thee. In all the works of our calling, in every experience of our lives, we desire to fulfil thy purposes concerning us, and to live in the spirit of our prayer, that thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

O LORD, our God, long-suffering and full of compassion: give us, we beseech thee, a deep contrition and redeeming sorrow for our sins. Grant us grace entirely and for ever to forsake them, and to turn from every evil way; to walk with care and prudence, with fear and watchfulness; to do our duty with diligence and zeal and a never-fainting spirit; to redeem the time, to trust in thy mercies, and to use faithfully all thy gifts of blessing. So may we bring forth the fruits of repentance, and know ourselves forgiven; being restored to thy favour, and led back into the way of thy heavenly peace. *Amen.*

MOST gracious and loving Father, thou hast opened the hand of thy bounty, to fill our lives with blessing and with the sweet effects of thy loving-kindness. Thou ledest us as a shepherd his flock; thou bearest us in the arms of thy mercy; thou providest for us perpetually, and lovest us with a perfect and unfailing love. As thou hast laid thine hand upon us in blessing, so fill our hearts with thankfulness, and tune our lips to praise. Grant that what thou hast sown in mercy may spring up in duty; and let thy grace so strengthen our good purposes that we may walk in the light of thy favour,

and in the paths of thy commandments, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*



## SIXTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

THUS saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy : I dwell in the high and holy place ; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit ; to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

ISAIAH lvii. 15.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin ? Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. PROVERBS xx. 9, 11.

Ye have sinned before the Lord your God, and done that thing which is evil before him. Go your way, O my children, and ask mercy of the Lord. Look for your Shepherd. He shall give you everlasting rest. Receive the gift that is given you and be glad ; giving thanks unto him that hath called you to the heavenly kingdom. 2 ESDRAS ii. 3, 4, 34, 37.

Let us pray.

*Prayers.*

O MOST great, most righteous and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: we have all sinned, and come short of thy glory. We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves, nor always done to others as we would that they should do to us. We have not sought first thy kingdom and righteousness, and been contented with our daily bread; but have been careful and troubled about many things, while we have neglected the things which were needful for our peace. We have run into temptation, and the sin which we should have hated we have committed in thy sight. Forgive us, O most merciful Father, and turn us away from evil. Sanctify our spirits, and shed abroad thy love in our hearts. Thou wilt give us all things needful for thy service; keep us, we pray thee, from sinful discontent and care. Help us to watch against temptation, and to stand against every assault of evil. Strong in thy might, may we serve thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life, in the faithful spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O THOU, who art the only Good ; in thee alone can our spirits find true rest and peace ; in thy love is our highest joy. Preserve in our hearts that peace which passeth understanding. Grant us, in every sorrow or perplexity, the inward comfort of thy holy Spirit. Thou chastenest us in love, and refreshest us amid thy chastening ; strengthen us, whether chastened or refreshed, to give thanks unto thee. In joy or in sorrow may we live as thy children ; and, fostered by thy tenderness, may we ever grow in love to thee, and in devotion to thy holy will. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant —[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*



## SEVENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

ASK, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

MATTHEW vii. 7, 8.

If thou seek the Lord thy God thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

DEUTERONOMY iv. 29.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, long-suffering and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

PSALM cxlv. 8, 9.

God is love ; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

I JOHN iv. 16.

Let us come with confidence unto the throne of grace ; that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS iv. 16.

*Prayers.*

GREAT art thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised ; great is thy power, and thy wisdom is infinite. Thou hast made us thy children ; thou callest us to seek thy face, and our hearts say unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will we seek. Be with us now, we pray thee, and so fill us with thy love that, forsaking all evil desires, we may find in thee our only good. We know, O God, that when we knock at the door of thy mercy thou wilt open unto us. Grant that with pure and fervent devotion we may ever seek thee. Give us hearts to love thee, and willing hands devoted to thy service. Reveal unto us thy truth, breathe into us thy holy Spirit and teach us how to pray. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God and most merciful Father, give us grace, we beseech thee, to examine our inmost heart and most secret thoughts ; that we may own to ourselves, and confess to thee, the transgressions whereof we have been guilty, whether against knowledge, or through ignorance, in thought, word, or deed : and grant us such sorrow and true repentance that we may obtain thy merciful forgiveness. We would come to thee with pure affection and a devout and thankful spirit, that we may be nourished in faith,



hope, charity, obedience, with all other fruits of spiritual life and growth in thee. May we, in our daily conversation, shew that we have learnt of thy holy Son, Jesus Christ ; and may we never be drawn to do anything which would dishonour his name ; or be turned aside from the way in which he has gone before, leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps. *Amen.*

O LORD, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for the measure of knowledge which thou hast granted us of thy truth, for giving us a love of it, for quieting our souls amid the distractions of thy Church, for the rest and repose which thou hast given us in thee, whereas no true contentment is found without thee. We bring our earnest thanksgiving also for the temporal blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us, for the station in life to which thou hast appointed us, for the means which thou hast afforded us of doing good. We cannot name all thy blessings ; how shall we thank thee for them ? Lord, we will thank thee by honouring thee in them, and by devoting them to good and holy uses. Oh, give us hearts earnestly to desire all this, and grace faithfully to perform it ; and make us thine, in obedience and true devotion, now and evermore. *Amen.*

O THOU, who art the bright Sun of the world, ever rising, never setting, who preservest, nourishest and makest joyful all things that are in heaven and earth: shine favourably, we beseech thee, into our spirits, that, the night of our sins and the mists of our errors being driven away by thy inward light, we may walk without offence, as in the day-time, and be pure from all works of darkness. Make us diligent and watchful, that we stumble not into any sin, but, by thy guidance, be kept safely in the way that leadeth unto eternal life. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister and People, continuing to stand,  
may say, alternately:*

JESUS said, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## EIGHTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

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### *Responses.*

*Minister.* God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.

*People.* The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

*Minister.* He holdeth our souls in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

*People.* Blessed be God, the God who helpeth us ; who beareth our burdens day by day.

*Minister.* The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

*People.* Blessed be God, who hath not cast out our prayer ; or turned his mercy from us.

*Minister.* Our soul waiteth on the Lord ; he is our help and shield.

*People.* Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us ; as our hope is in thee.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, all holy ; Spirit of righteousness and truth : in thy presence the secrets of our lives are unveiled, and there is nothing that we can hide from thee. Oh, give us a true knowledge of our own hearts, a sincere sorrow and penitence for our sins, a deep sense of our need of thy forgiveness, and humble trust in thy fatherly love and compassion. In all we ask of thee may we resign our wills to thine, and never cease to seek the gifts of the spirit, or to hunger and thirst after righteousness. And, when we praise thee for thy goodness to us, and thy wonderful works to the children of men, may our thanksgiving lift up our hearts to thee, and help us to praise thee continually in joyful obedience and cheerful submission to thy will. Father, we would listen in faith to whatever word thou wilt speak to us in this hour of communion, and would receive into adoring hearts the inspirations of thy truth and love. And from our worship we would go forth to serve thee more faithfully, earnestly desiring to come into thy nearer presence, and to enter, even here and now, into the joy of our Lord. *Amen.*

UPHOLD us, O God, by the grace of thy holy Spirit. Strengthen us with might in the inner man, that we may empty our hearts of all useless care and anguish; that we may not be drawn aside from thee by the desire of anything whether mean or precious, but may look on all around us as passing away, while thou alone abidest for ever. O Lord, grant us heavenly wisdom, that we may learn above all things to love and to delight in thee, and, with hearts fixed on thee, to leave ourselves entirely to thy gracious disposal. *Amen.*

O GOD, our Father, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness, peace and concord: heal thou the divisions which separate us from one-another; and bring us back into a unity of love which may bear some likeness to thy blessed nature. Make us one in the fellowship of a good mind, through that peace of thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness, wherewith thou, O Lord, art our Father for ever and ever. *Amen.*

[*Here may be introduced any other Prayer.*]

*Then the following Prayer may be said.*

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy : increase and multiply upon us thy mercy ; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things that are eternal. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*

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## NINTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Responses.*

*Minister.* Offer unto God the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord.

*People.* We will utter the memory of his great goodness, and sing of his righteousness.

*Minister.* Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

*People.* Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

*Minister.* Like as a Father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

*People.* The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

*Minister.* The Lord is the strength of our life, our hope, and our portion for ever.



*People.* Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, the Father of spirits, the Lord and Giver of life : we bless and praise thee for all thou art to us, and all thou doest for us, and bestowest upon us, day by day. For reason and conscience, for nurture and guidance, and for all the gifts of nature and of grace ; for the voice of thy calling, repeated so often ; for thy forbearance and long-suffering, and thy tender-mercies which never fail ; for all good things received, successes granted, and good things done, and for thy promise and our hope of good in the time to come ; for parents, loving and beloved, and for all who are most dear to us ; for wise teachers, for benefactors never to be forgotten ; for brethren of one mind with us, for true friends, for faithful servants ; for all who have helped us by their writings or their conversation, by their example, by their counsel, or by their prayers ;—for these and all other mercies, known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we bless thee and will bless, we give thanks unto thee and will give thee thanks, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O GOD who, in thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, didst bestow upon the world a new inspiration of pure love and compassion: grant that we, who are so often turned aside from brotherly love, may, by thy light shed forth in our souls, be filled with thine own goodness; that we may be made one with each other, as children of the same Father in heaven, in the spirit of divine charity and peace. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*—[*Lesson.*—*Chant.*]

*Lesson.*—*Chant or Anthem.*

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*The following Beatitudes may then be read by the Minister; the People responding; all standing.*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

*Blessed are they that mourn.*

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

*Blessed are the meek.*

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.*

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

*Blessed are the merciful.*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

*Blessed are the pure in heart.*

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers.*

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Blessed are they, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you : that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.

*For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

*Write thy law in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee : and may the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom. Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

OH, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. PSALM xcvi. 9.

GOD that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live and move and have our being. ACTS xvii. 24-28.

Let us pray.

*Prayers.*

O THOU holy Spirit of life and light : be with us, we beseech thee, and help us to worship thee in spirit and in truth. May our wandering thoughts be fixed on thee, our restless spirits be composed, our dull and cold desires be quickened into fervent longings after thee. May we join in the prayers and praises of all thy true worshippers, this day, with ardent and heavenly affections ; and may the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

O GOD, all holy and all wise : direct our steps into the way of righteousness, and strengthen our hearts to obey all thy commandments. Let the day-spring visit us from on high, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death ; that they may adore thee for thy mercy, trust thee for thy faithfulness, and desire thee for thy goodness, whereby thou hast revealed thyself to us as our Father in heaven. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, gracious and long-suffering, the Fountain of goodness and mercy : hear the prayers and have regard

unto the desires and longings of thy children, who come to thee to seek deliverance from evil. May we with so strong a resolution, so sincere a repentance, so true a devotion, turn to thee, that no temptation may be able to prevail against us. Strengthen us each day more and more with thy holy Spirit; that we may grow in grace, and advance in holiness, may live in thy favour, and die with thy blessing. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People  
after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*



## ELEVENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

BEHOLD, the tabernacle of God is with men; and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

REVELATION xxi. 3.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. JOHN iv. 23, 24.

### *Address.*

LET us draw nigh unto God, and make our prayer to him, in thankful remembrance of all his goodness and mercy, in humble penitence for our sins, and sorrow for our unfaithfulness, and with the earnest desire and resolve to lead a better life. So may our prayers ascend to the throne of the heavenly grace, and bring us an answer of mercy and peace.



*Prayers.*

O MOST holy and eternal God, who dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, and yet dost reveal thyself as One who will hear and answer our prayers : look down in mercy on thy children here assembled before thee ; and let thy fatherly blessing be upon us and abide with us. Vouchsafe unto us thy gracious and comforting presence, and let thy heavenly peace rule in our hearts. Here may thy people make their earnest supplications to thee, and bring their offerings of praise and adoration. Here may the burden of sin be laid aside, and the bonds of evil be broken. May the fallen be raised, the weak be strengthened, the blind be enlightened, and contrite hearts be comforted and healed. Let thy children find here a support under their trials, a sanctuary of hope in the time of distress. And, since holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever, may we, by thy gracious assistance, be enabled to walk before thee in holiness of living ; that we may serve thee in our lives as well as with our lips, and, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, come ever nearer to thee, his Father and our Father, his God and our God.

*Amen.*

FATHER of compassion and Fountain of all goodness: we heartily thank thee for thy bountiful gifts to us and to all men. We thank thee for our life and its blessings of health and strength, of knowledge and skill, and all the outward things which thou hast bestowed upon us for our enjoyment and our use. And yet more do we thank thee for all sweet charities and pure affections, and for the means thou hast given us of doing good in the world, and of blessing our homes, our friends, or any of thy children; above all, for revealing to us thy goodness, and the love that accepts the work of our hands as service done for thee. Increase in us, O Lord, a true knowledge of thy holy will concerning us; that no ignorance or sin of ours may turn any of thy gifts to our own harm; but that we may devote ourselves to thy service in word and deed; and that, doing thy will with cheerfulness and diligence, and bearing all our trials with patience and humble submission, we may go on, through thy mercy, into the joy of everlasting life. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the following Prayer may be said.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men : grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*The Minister may then read these sayings from the Gospels: the People continuing to stand.*

JESUS said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God, and with what comparison shall we compare it ? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth : but, when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs ; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground ;

and should sleep and rise, night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. But, when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation, neither shall men say, Lo here! or Lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TWELFTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

**G**IVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name ; bring an offering, and come into his courts. PSALM xcvi. 8.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool : where is the house that ye build unto me ? and where is the place of my rest ? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord. But to this man will I look ; even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit.

ISAIAH lxvi. 1, 2.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you ? 1 CORINTHIANS iii. 16.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*People.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, our Father, almighty and all holy: sanctify our spirits, send the searching light of thy truth into our consciences, and cast out from us every evil thought, every base desire, all faithless anxiety, all covetousness, vain-glory and sloth, all malice and remembrance of injuries, and everything that is contrary to thy holy will. And grant us, O Lord, with a pure heart and a contrite spirit, with sincere lips and devout affection, to lift up our prayers to thee. *Amen.*

O LORD, thou art to us all goodness and mercy; thou rememberest us in our need, and dost refresh us with thy heavenly comfort; thou knowest our infirmities and temptations, and how often we are weighed down and oppressed by them. Unto thee we come for help; we make our prayer to thee who knowest our inmost thoughts, and who alone canst perfectly assist and comfort us. Oh, satisfy the hunger of our souls; inflame our coldness with the fire of thy love; enlighten our blindness with the brightness of thy presence. Do thou turn for us all sinful things into bitterness, and all things grievous and unwelcome into occasions for patience. Direct us by the light of thy truth,

and let us not wander away any more from our home with thee. Make us thine in faith and true devotion; and never let us be separated from thy love. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*

*[Lesson.—Chant.]*

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister may read these sayings from the Gospels: the People continuing to stand.*

JESUS said, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoso-

ever will save his life shall lose it ; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the Gospel's the same shall save it.

It is the spirit that giveth life ; the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.

I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly.

A new commandment give I unto you, that ye have love one to another ; as I have loved you, that ye love one another.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings. And the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## THIRTEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

THE kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. ROMANS xiv. 17.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

MATTHEW xi. 28-30.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. MATTHEW vi. 20, 21.

### *Address.*

OUR Heavenly Father is ever calling us to depart from the evil of the world, and to strive to enter into the kingdom of righteousness and peace. And that divine

word of comfort and promise which was spoken in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, inviting the weary and heavy laden to take upon themselves the yoke of his obedience and patience and humility, speaks to us now in all the lessons of duty, and the inspirations of love. Let us, in this hour of religious communion, lay open our souls to the divinest influences of that spirit which was in Christ, blessing and redeeming the world ; and, learning of him, may we come to the source of his strength and peace, and know the blessedness of that heavenly kingdom to which he has called us.

*Prayers.*

○ LORD, our God, who art the Life of all, the Help of those that flee to thee, the Hope of those that wait for thee : cleanse us now from every evil desire, and every thought displeasing to thy goodness ; that with a pure heart and a clear conscience, with perfect love, and calm hope, and steadfast faith, we may draw near to thee, and know that thou hearest our prayers. *Amen.*

○ GOD, who didst send into the world thy holy Son, Jesus Christ, to bring glad tidings of thy love, and to proclaim the king-

dom of heaven : give us, we pray thee, a wise understanding of the truths he taught, and humble obedience to the law of love which he set forth in his words and in his life. May our reverence for his purity and holiness be a strong shield against the power of evil ; and may our love for him and devotion to his cause be fruitful in good works, in pure desires, and in perfect trust in thee. May we so learn of him, that his yoke may become easy to us, and his burden light, and that we may find rest unto our souls. *Amen.*

**G**LORY be to thee, O Lord, Creator of the light, Enlightener of the world. Thine is the visible light, the brightness of the day : and thine is the light invisible, the revelation of thyself to the souls of thy children ; the light that shines in holy precepts, in the words of thy prophets, in the music of psalms, in the experience of histories. Thine is the light of thy law in our consciences, thy truth in our minds, thy love in our hearts. Open our eyes that we may see, incline our hearts that we may desire, order our steps that we may follow, the way of thy commandments ; and may we serve thee always, as we would worship thee now, in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*

O GOD of peace, let not thy peace in our hearts be broken by every contradiction and adversity. In conformity with thy holy will, we would accept the trials of our faith, and bear any cross which thou shalt lay upon us. In all thy holy discipline of trouble and pain and sorrow grant us the patience of hope, and the faith that is rooted and grounded in love. And may we look with joy for the coming of that day when we shall have learnt to know thee better and to serve thee more faithfully, and shall be lifted up out of our darkness into thy heavenly light. *Amen.*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*—[*Lesson — Chant.*]*—Lesson.*  
*Chant or Anthem.*—*Prayer.*—*Hymn.*

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## FOURTEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Responses.*

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*People.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Minister.* The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him ; to all that call upon him in truth.

*People.* We will give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness ; we will direct our prayer unto him and will look up.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

### *Prayers.*

MOST glorious and eternal God, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort : we bow before thee with humble and contrite hearts, owning and lamenting our unworthiness, and adoring thy loving-kindness and tender compassion. Thou hast opened to us the gates of righteousness, and perpetually callest on us to enter in, and to walk in the

paths of a holy life. We desire, O Lord, to give ourselves to thy service. Teach us what is thy will concerning us ; and grant us holy purposes of amendment, and spiritual strength and patience to perform faithfully the resolves which now we make before thee. And, by devout obedience and holy living, may we be made partakers of the blessedness which thou bestowest on all thy faithful children. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the source of all purity and holiness : how great is thy goodness that thou shouldst make our hearts a temple for thy Spirit to dwell in. Oh that thy presence might cleanse them from all evil thoughts and unholy affections and desires, and that our whole life might be an offering acceptable to thee. We offer unto thee our thoughts, words, and actions, to be purified and sanctified according to thy will. We offer unto thee all our afflictions, pains and tribulations, and every trial of our lives ; that we may bear them in perfect submission, and with unfailing trust and hope. We resign and offer ourselves unto thee, to follow the guidance of thy holy Spirit, through bitter and sweet, through light and darkness, in life and in death. Deal with us as it shall please thee. Employ us as

scemeth to thee good. And grant us faith, at all times, and in all events, to say, Father, not our will but thine be done. *Amen.*

O THOU, whose living word was in thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, revealing thy divine Fatherhood, and bestowing on the world new gifts of life and blessing : do thou thyself, O Lord, send out thy light and thy truth, to enlighten our understanding, and to make clear our spiritual insight ; that we may receive into a good heart the word of Christ, and that we may be, not hearers only, but doers of the word. So may we bring forth fruit in our lives, and become more worthy to call ourselves his disciples. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*—[*Lesson.*—*Chant.*]

*Lesson.*—*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister and People, continuing to stand,  
may say alternately :*

JESUS said, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord ; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

And the second is like, namely this ; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Glory to God in the highest ; on earth peace,  
good will towards men. Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## FIFTEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

WHO shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

PSALM xxiv. 3-5.

When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. MARK xi. 25.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God. HEBREWS xii. 14, 15.

This is the confidence that we have toward God, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and, if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we desired of him.

1 JOHN v. 14, 15.

*Address.*

WE have come to seek our heavenly Father in prayer, and in the uplifting of our hearts in praise and adoration ; and we meet together before him as brethren of one family, and members of one household of faith. Let us put far away from us every thought of unkindness and ill-will, and whatever else would hinder a true union of our spirits in brotherly affection. Remembering how much we all stand in need of forgiveness, let us, from our heart, forgive our brothers' trespasses, and no longer cherish any feeling or purpose that is forbidden by the law of love. Then may we come with humble confidence unto the throne of the heavenly grace, and return to our homes and to our daily work with the joyful assurance that God has heard and will answer our prayers.

*Prayers.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid : cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit ; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. *Amen.*

GOD of love, and Giver of concord, thou hast given us commandment that we should love one another, even as thou lovest us, the unworthy and the wandering: we pray thee, Lord, to grant us a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience, and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. *Amen.*

OTHOU who art the Fountain of all goodness, and the Well-spring of divine graces, who hast made us thy children, and heirs of everlasting life: increase in us, we beseech thee, the manifold gifts of thy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord. Possess our minds continually with thy presence; fill them with thy love. Be thou a light unto our eyes, and a full contentment to our hearts. Be thou our sunshine by day, our repose in the night, our refuge and strength in every hour of need. We are not our own, but thine; therefore claim us as thy right, keep us as thy charge, love and bless us as thy children. Strengthen us when we are assaulted, heal us when we are wounded, raise us up when we fall. Grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for thy mercies,

and mindfulness of thy presence, now and evermore. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*

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## SIXTEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

THE eyes of the Lord are upon them that love him. He is their mighty protection and strong support; a defence from the heat, and a shelter from the sun at noon; a preservation from stumbling and a help from falling. He raiseth up the soul, and lighteneth the eyes; he giveth health, life, and blessing. ECCLESIASTICUS xxxiv. 16, 17.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High; to shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. PSALM xcii. 1, 2.

The Lord meeteth him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, that remembereth him in his ways. ISAIAH lxiv. 5.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*People.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, Light of the hearts that see thee,  
 Life of the souls that love thee, and  
 Strength of the thoughts that seek thee:  
 grant us now thy grace and blessing, when  
 we are assembled to offer up our common  
 supplications, to thank thee for thy goodness,  
 and to enter into sacred communion with thy  
 Spirit. Vouchsafe unto us the joy and com-  
 fort of thy presence. Shew us the beauty of  
 thy holiness, and reveal the height and depth  
 of thy love. May we, with true penitence,  
 confess our sins before thee, and earnestly  
 resolve to forsake them. And do thou, O  
 Father, send us hence with a deepened trust,  
 a more assured hope, and a more devoted  
 love to thee, and to one another, as members  
 of thy one great family, on earth and in  
 heaven. *Amen.*

O THOU Giver of all good, and Fountain  
 of all mercies, in whom are the springs  
 of our life : all glory, thanksgiving and praise  
 be unto thee for thy ever flowing goodness ;  
 for thy faithfulness which is from one genera-  
 tion to another ; for thy mercies which are  
 new every morning, and more than we can  
 number ; for seed-time and harvest, and

summer and winter, and days and nights throughout the year; for food and raiment and shelter; for thy fatherly hand ever laid upon us, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death; for friends and kindred, for home and country; for every opportunity of duty; for every inspiration of faith and devotion; for the teaching and comfort of the gospel of thy love; for every true joy, and for every sanctifying and redeeming sorrow of our lives. Yea, Lord, there is nothing thou doest, nothing thou givest, for which we would not thank thee. Therefore do we bless thy holy name, and bring our offering of gratitude and praise; humbly beseeching thee to accept our service, to establish us in every good word and work, and to make us less unworthy of thine infinite goodness and mercy. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who never failest them that trust in thee: give us grace in all difficulties and distresses to have recourse to thee, and to rest in the assurance of thy wisdom and thy love. Thou wilt keep him, O Lord, in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Suffer us not to be oppressed with the cares of this life; but grant that, having done our part in all honesty and diligence, we may cheerfully

commit ourselves to thy providence, casting all our cares on thee, and being strengthened to say, even in our darkest hour, Father, not our will but thine be done. *Amen.*

**O** LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: send thy holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer: to be said by the People after the Minister.*

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Hymn or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister may read, from the Sermon on the Mount; the People continuing to stand:*

And Jesus, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain. And, when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him; and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Responses.*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Come, let us return unto the Lord, and he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

*People.* Blessed be the Lord God, who turneth not away our prayer, nor his mercy from us.

*Minister.* The most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

*People.* He is not far from every one of us.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

### *Prayers.*

O GOD, our Father in heaven, infinitely wise and good, the strength and hope of all that wait on thee: we bless and glorify thy name, we adore thy goodness, we rejoice

in thy love. Fill us now with the spirit of true devotion, with the spirit of prayer and thankfulness. Let our thoughts soar upward to thy nearer presence, and our affections be set on things above. May we earnestly desire and seek after the blessings for which we pray ; and may the hunger and thirst of our souls be satisfied from the plenteousness of thy mercies, and the light of thy countenance be upon us, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

**O** LORD, our God, who callest us, by the pleadings of thy compassionate Spirit, to repent and confess our sins and come to thee to be forgiven : look upon us, thine unprofitable servants, thine erring and penitent children, and, in thy tender mercy, take away from us the burden of our sins. Cleanse us from every unholy desire, and remove from us every vain and evil thought ; that our worship may be pure and acceptable in thy sight, and that we may be less unworthy to ask and to receive thy blessing. *Amen.*

**O** THOU by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth in darkness unto them that turn to thee : grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do ; that

the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the following Prayer may be said.*

O LORD, thou knowest what is best for us: give what thou wilt, and when thou wilt; deal with us in all things as seemeth to thee good. Behold we are thy servants; we would not live unto ourselves but unto thee. May we always desire and will that which is to thee most acceptable and most dear. Let thy will be ours; and grant us, above all things that can be desired, to rest in thee, and in thee to have our hearts at peace. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*

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## EIGHTEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

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### *Sentences.*

SERVE the Lord with gladness ; come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves ; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. PSALM c. 2-4.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning. JAMES i. 17.

The Spirit helpeth our infirmities ; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought ; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered.

ROMANS viii. 26.

### *Address.*

WHETHER we wake or sleep, whether we live or die, we are in the hands of God. Under his protection we lie down to rest, in his strength we awake to find him with us. His hand leads us forth, his light

shines on our path, and from his fatherly bounty we receive the gifts of each new day. And shall we not, from the multitude of the blessings we enjoy, look upwards to the divine source from whence they flow, and, with lowly reverence and grateful love, adore the goodness which makes our lives so rich? Let us lift up our hearts unto the Lord, and bless his holy name; and may our praises and our prayers help to make our whole life an offering pure and acceptable in his sight.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, the true light of faithful souls, the strength and comfort of all who seek thee: we bring to thee our offering of devotion, and in lowly reverence, and with sincerity of heart, would speak with thee in our prayer. Lord, we know not what to ask for as we ought; for thou art in heaven and we are on earth, and our words must needs be few and feeble. Oh, let thy loving and merciful Spirit plead for us when we pray; and may our hearts rise to thee in true and acceptable worship. *Amen.*

O GOD, who by thy holy inspiration purifiest the minds of men, leading them into the truth, kindling in them the fire of

charity, and drawing them unto thyself in the bond of peace : we beseech thee to breathe thy Spirit into our hearts ; that everything which beareth evil fruit may die in us, and that all that is good and holy may live, and bear the fruit of righteousness unto eternal life. So lead us through the doubtful ways of this world that no snares may entangle us, no temptations lead us astray ; but that we may abide in thy truth, and be comforted by thy love, and brought safely into thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

**L**ORD, we would love thee with a pure affection, free from all self-love and self-seeking. We would love thee with a love that shall save us from sin, and give us strength for every duty, and patience to bear every cross. We would joyfully accept and be content with all that pleaseth thee, be it prosperity or adversity, be it gladness or sorrow ; taking it as at the hand of thy love, and for the love we bear to thee. We would follow the guidance of thy holy Spirit, whether it lead us into the darkness or into the light ; and, by whatever way thou shalt appoint for us, we would go on, in obedience and trust, with the joyful hope of coming ever nearer to thee. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister and People, still standing, may say  
the following Litany of Praise.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: we bless and praise thee for all thy mercies and loving-kindnesses, and, with grateful hearts, we would lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving.

We praise thee, Lord, for the life which thou hast given us, and the service to which thou hast appointed us. For the knowledge of thy will, and the inspirations of thy love,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For the work we are enabled to do, for the truth we are permitted to learn ; for whatever good there has been in our past lives, and for the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things,

*We praise thee, O our God.*



For the world in which thou hast placed us,  
and the glories and wonders with which thou  
hast surrounded us;—for day and night,  
summer and winter, seed-time and harvest;  
for the varied gifts of beauty and of use which  
every season brings,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For the revealing of thy presence in nature,  
and the tokens of thy perfect wisdom and  
infinite power, in the least things as in the  
greatest; for every moment of nearer com-  
munion with thy Spirit in all that is fair and  
glorious in the universe,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For thy holy word of righteousness and  
truth, spoken by the wise and good in every  
age, made manifest in noble and saintly lives,  
and in the faithfulness of every true child of  
thine,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For him in whom that living word was  
most clearly revealed to men, and who is set  
as a light of the world, to lighten us on our  
way to thee,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For our homes and our friends, and all the comfort and gladness of our life ; for strong hands held out to help us, for all loving-kindnesses and noble charities, for encouragements to duty, for succour in temptation, for sympathy in sorrow,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For the joy we feel when we are faithful in serving thee ; for the peace that is gained through strife, and the rest that comes after toil,

*We praise thee, O our God.*

For the pain and loss which befall us when we disobey thy holy laws, and wander away from thee into the darkness of sin,

*For this also would we bless thee, O wise and merciful God.*

When our spirits fail, and our way is darkened, when we are oppressed by cares, and weighed down with sorrow, then, for the love which bids us come to thee and lay our burden at thy feet,

*For thy divine love and compassion, we bless thee, O our Father.*

For the faith and longing expectation which look beyond this present world, which dispel the darkness of the grave, and can brighten the last moments of our earthly life with the light of an undying hope,

*For this bright promise of immortality, we bless thee, O God of life and light.*

For these peaceful hours of communion with each other and with thee, when we meditate on thy goodness, and call to remembrance thy loving-kindnesses which have been ever of old,

*We praise thee, O God, our Father and our Friend.*

Lord, make us less unworthy of all thy mercies ; and give us grace to praise thee in our whole lives ; ever seeking to know and do thy will, and giving thanks unto thee for all things.

*Lord, help us thus to praise thee ; and to bless thy holy name for ever and ever. Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## NINETEENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Responses.*

*Minister.* Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*People.* For he is our God ; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Minister.* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

*People.* For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting ; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

### *Prayers.*

WE praise thee, O Lord God, our Father in heaven, for all thy mercies and loving-kindnesses. Thou hast created us in thine own image, and breathed into us thy Spirit ; making thyself known to us as our Father, and asking of us the love and obedience of children. Thou hast helped us in

our need, comforted us in our troubles and sorrows, and delivered us from evil. Thou hast filled our life with blessings, and crowned our years with thy goodness. As it has been of thy pure love and bounty that we have been so blest by thee, we earnestly long to become less unworthy of thy care. Grant that we may increase continually in thankfulness for all thy mercies, and serve thee faithfully in love and true devotion, as children of our Father in heaven. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast implanted in thy children an earnest desire to be redeemed from the bondage of vain and transient things, and a longing expectation of the coming of thy kingdom of righteousness and peace: enkindle in us, we pray thee, more holy and ardent desires after perfect union with thyself; and may we go on into that glorious freedom to which thou hast called us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**L**ORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, now and evermore. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Hymn or Chant.*

*[Lesson.—Chant.]*

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then may follow this Litany, said by the Minister and People alternately : or some other Prayer.*

O Lord, our God, who art always more ready to bestow thy blessings upon us than we are to seek them : help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may receive.

*Send down thy Spirit from above ; and teach us how to pray.*

Give us an earnest faith, a just and humble hope, and never-failing charity.

*Father, make us worthy to be called thy children.*

Give us true humility, a peaceful temper, a kind and friendly conversation, grace to bear each other's burdens, to deny ourselves, and to do good to all as we have opportunity.

*So may we fulfil the law of love.*

Give us a wise and understanding heart, a fervent and faithful spirit, a love of holy things, and a longing for union with thee, the All-holy.

*Father, make us one with thee.*

May we be watchful and diligent in duty, and firm to resist evil; and, being inspired with a pure love of goodness, and a steadfast devotion to thy holy will, may we give ourselves freely to thy service.

*Make us strong to fight the good fight of faith.*

May we keep our bodies in health, our minds clear, our affections pure; and may we have grace to discern what is pleasing to thee, and to follow in the way in which thou wouldst lead us.

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*Father, give us wisdom from above.*

Give us a spirit of gratitude for all thy blessings, of contentment with our lot, of submission to thy will, and trust in thy care.

*Our hope is in thee ; we will rest under the shadow of thy wings.*

Lord, we are thy servants ; we would serve thee faithfully, and wait patiently for thee.

*Father, we are thy children ; we would love thee, and trust in thy love, now and evermore. Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TWENTIETH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

HOW great is the loving kindness of the Lord our God, and his compassion unto such as turn unto him in holiness. Unto such as repent he granteth them return, and comforteth those that fail in patience.

ECCLESIASTICUS xvii. 29. 24.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God ?

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good ; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. MICAH vi. 6, 8.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. PSALM li. 17.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee. He will never suffer the righteous to be moved. PSALM lv. 22.

*Address.*

LET us draw nigh to God, with joyful confidence and hope, knowing that he can never be weary of our entreaties, or slow to hear the faintest whisper of our devotion. If we will but give our heart to him he will pardon the unworthiness of our best offering, and will kindle by his heavenly fire the sacrifice which we lay on the altar of his love and goodness. He will enlighten our ignorance, will help our unbelief, and by his own Spirit will teach us how to pray.

*Prayers.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father : look upon us in thy great love, and shew forth towards us, and all who pray with us, thy rich mercies and compassions. Guide and direct the hearts of thy children who are assembled before thee ; that our speaking and hearing may be to the increase of our knowledge, faith, and obedience, and to our comfort, and growth in grace. Send thy holy Spirit upon us to renew and sanctify our souls, to be as the light from heaven and the refreshing dews ; and grant to our hearts an invincible power of love, that the desires which have been

given us by thy inspiration may never be changed by any temptation, but may lead us to the source of all true life and blessing. *Amen.*

WE come to thee, O our Father, with hearts troubled with many cares, and weighed down with sad remembrances, and the burden of sin. In thy holy presence we are heartily ashamed and truly sorrowful for our offences. We pray thee to increase, at all times, this our sorrow and care, and our hatred of sin ; and to purify and deepen our love of thee, till it prevail over all our weaknesses, and redeem us from evil, restoring thy peace to our hearts, and making us truly thy children for ever. *Amen.*

MOST loving Father, who willest that we should give thanks for all things, that we should dread nothing but the loss of thee, and should cast all our care on thee who carest for us : preserve us, we beseech thee, from faithless fears and worldly anxieties ; and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal. *Amen.*

[*Here may follow any other Prayer.*]

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People  
after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Hymn or Chant.*  
[Lesson.—Chant.]  
*Lesson.*  
*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then may follow this Litany, said by the Minister  
and People alternately: or some other Prayer.*

Almighty and most merciful God, towards whose everlasting blessedness we ascend by the strong desire of the soul, and by patient continuance in well doing: cause us ever by thine inspiration to seek our true life with thee, and earnestly to strive to enter into thy heavenly kingdom.

*Father, let thy kingdom come.*

May we set our hearts on the things that are holy, just and true ; and, while we are placed among things that are passing away, may we cleave to those that abide.

*Lord, fix our hearts on thee.*

Set us free from the bondage of self-will and passion, and ungodly desires ; that sin may not have dominion over us, but that with free spirits we may serve thee, the only Lord.

*Sanctify and renew us in the spirit of our minds.*

Turn us away from the false gleams of selfish and worldly wisdom, and enlighten us with wisdom from above ; that, being taught by thee, we may come to the simplicity of thy everlasting truth.

*Oh send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead us ; let them bring us to thy holy presence.*

Bring us back when we lose the way ; hold us up when we stumble ; raise us again when we fall.

*We have all gone astray ; we have wandered from thy ways like lost sheep.*

Cleanse us from the stains of sin, and purify the springs of our life.

*Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.*

Make us so to repent that we may bear patiently the punishment we justly have deserved, and only fear the blindness and misery of sin.

*Let not the darkness hide thee from us.*

Do with us what thou wilt, to lift up or to cast down, to chastise or to comfort; only bring us out of our darkness into thy light, and from our wanderings to our refuge and home with thee.

*O Lord, hear our prayer; for our hope is in thee. Amen.*

*The following Prayers may then be said.*

**O** LORD GOD, Father of mercies, the Fountain of comfort and help, of life and peace, of pardon and blessing, who fillest heaven with thy glory, and earth with thy goodness: we give thee the most humble and earnest returns of a glad and thankful heart, for thou hast relieved us with thy consolations, and enriched us with thy bounties. We praise thee for the blessings of nature

and the blessings of grace, for the support of every minute and the comforts of every day. What are we, O Lord, and what is our life, that thou shouldst multiply upon us the proofs of thy loving-kindness! Praise be unto thee for thy goodness, and for thy wonderful works to the children of men. Blessed be thy holy name for ever; and let all the earth be filled with thy glory. *Amen.*

○ THOU giver of all good, the infinitely wise and just disposer of our life: let no prosperity or success cause us to forget thee, no trouble or adversity make us doubt thy goodness, or distrust thy love. Let no hope or fear, no pleasure or pain, no accident without or weakness within, hinder us in our duty, or turn us from the way of thy commandments. Oh, let thy Spirit dwell with us for ever, and make us just and charitable, resolute in holy purposes, and inflexible against evil. Teach us to walk always as in thy presence. Ennoble our souls with great love for thee and reverence for thy holy law: that it may be the steadfast purpose of our whole life to serve thee with all diligence, in humility and singleness of heart, using faithfully in thy service whatever talents thou hast committed to our charge. *Amen.*

O LORD most High; with thy whole Church throughout the world we give thee thanks for all thy faithful servants who, having witnessed in their lives a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine before thy people upon earth. Mercifully grant that, by thy fatherly blessing, we may be enabled to follow them in all virtuous living; and that, being one in spirit with them here, we may hereafter be united with them in a more perfect communion for ever. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the following Prayer may be said.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplications unto thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us, in this world, knowledge of thy truth, and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen*

*A Hymn may then be sung.*





## TWENTY-FIRST ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

WHAT man is he that can know the counsel of God? or who can think what the will of the Lord is? Hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth; and with labour do we find the things that are before us. But the things that are in heaven who hath searched out? And thy counsel who hath known, except thou give wisdom, and send thy holy Spirit from above.

WISDOM ix. 13, 16, 17.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

I CORINTHIANS ii. 9, 10.

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. I JOHN iv. 12, 13.

*Address.*

WE are surrounded on every side by the mystery of an invisible presence, and an unsearchable power. But it is the presence of One who reveals himself in our own lives as holiness, righteousness, and love, the infinite and eternal Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being. Let us draw nigh unto him now in prayer and thanksgiving, and in meditation on things unseen; and let us seek from him that light and guidance for which his children can never ask in vain.

*Prayers.*

O THOU, who art the great deep of eternal peace, the boundless ocean of love, the fountain of all blessedness: open to us this day the streams of thy mercy, and the fresh springs of thy goodness. Let the dew of thy blessing descend upon our souls to refresh and comfort us. May thy light guide us and thy faithfulness strengthen us, and thy holy Spirit unite us to thee and to one another, in the bonds of a firm faith, a steadfast hope, and love that never faileth.  
*Amen.*

O LORD, our God, how shall we ever thank thee for thy love which leads us out of the darkness into the light, and thy grace and truth which would raise us into thine eternal freedom and blessedness ! What were we, Lord, without thy help, and the comfort of thy promises ! Behold, we seek thee, but, of ourselves, we cannot find thee : we long for thy light, but cannot illumine our own souls ; we desire to do thy will, but without thy support we are unable to obey thee. Oh, send down the spirit of wisdom and holiness and power, to enlighten, to sanctify, and to strengthen us. Suffer us never to fall back into the darkness, or to wander away from thee ; but let thy light shine upon us, and thy hand lead us on towards the perfect day. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting peace ; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help. *Amen.*

[*Here may be introduced any other Prayer.*]

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People  
after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hal-  
lowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive  
them that trespass against us. And lead us  
not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory ; for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Hymn or Chant.*

*[Lesson.—Chant.]*

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then may follow this Litany, said by the Minister  
and People alternately ; or some other Prayer.*

O God, the Father of mercies, we, thy  
erring and sinful children, bow before thee in  
humble penitence, owning our weakness and  
our want, and coming to thee for help and  
deliverance.

*Lord grant us truly to repent of our sins,  
and deliver us from evil*

From wrong desires and unhallowed thoughts, from slavery to sense and passion, from idleness and vanity, and a careless mind,

*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From unrighteous anger and an impatient spirit, from clamour and evil-speaking, from an uncharitable judgment and readiness to believe evil,

*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From a pitiless and unrelenting temper, from hardness of heart, from coldness and dulness of spirit, from contentment with an unworthy life,

*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From fretfulness and inordinate cares, from murmuring against thee and rebelling against thy providence, from resting in our sins and quenching thy spirit,

*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From condemning others and justifying ourselves ; from calling evil good and good evil ; from putting darkness for light and light for darkness,

*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From setting or from following any evil example, from consenting to sin and tempting others, from all causes of offence in word or in deed,

*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From self-indulgence and self-deception ; from frailties which we know not of, and sins to which we are blind,

*We beseech thee, O Lord, to deliver us.*

**L**ORD, we are weak and ignorant ; our passions betray us, and in the day of temptation we are hardly able to stand. Give us spiritual strength, and holy resolution and watchful care ; and, being clad in the whole armour of God, may we withstand every assault of evil. When thou shalt try us and suffer us to enter into conflict, may we ever be faithful and valiant in thy cause, enduring patiently, and persevering constantly unto the end, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-SECOND ORDER OF WORSHIP.

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### *Sentences.*

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found ;  
call ye upon him while he is near. Let  
the wicked forsake his way, and the un-  
righteous man his thoughts ; and let him  
return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy  
upon him ; and to our God, for he will abun-  
dantly pardon. ISAIAH lv. 6, 7.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy  
vows unto the most High. Call upon him in  
the day of trouble ; and he will deliver thee.

PSALM l. 14, 15.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there  
remember that thy brother hath ought against  
thee ; leave there thy gift before the altar,  
and go thy way. First be reconciled to thy  
brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

MATTHEW v. 23, 24.

Let us search and try our ways and turn  
again to the Lord ; let us lift up our heart,  
with our hands, unto God in the heavens.

LAMENTATIONS iii. 40, 41.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, most great and glorious, most holy and merciful: we bow before thee in humility of heart, with a deep sense of our unworthiness; sorrowfully owning our manifold transgressions, and praying for thy forgiveness. Accept, we beseech thee, our imperfect repentance, and make it more hearty and sincere. Send forth thy holy Spirit, to inspire our hearts with true filial affection; that we may be owned by thee as thy children, and know thee as our Father, and be made one with thee by that spirit of perfect faith and love which was in thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may, by thee, be enabled to live according to thy will. *Amen.*

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure. *Amen.*



[*Here may be introduced any other Prayer.*]

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then may follow this Litany, said by the Minister and People alternately; or some other Prayer.*

O God, our Father in heaven: have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.

*O God, our Father in heaven: have mercy upon us, and deliver us from our sins.*

From all blindness of heart ; from pride  
vain-glory and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred,  
and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul ;  
from the deceits of the world, and of our own  
hearts,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation ; in all time  
of our wealth ; in all the days of our life, and  
in the hour of death,

*O Lord, be thou our strength, our hope, and  
our portion for ever.*

We humbly beseech thee to hear us, O  
Lord God ; and that it may please thee to  
rule and govern thy holy Church universal in  
the right way ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to keep and  
strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in  
righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant  
Victoria, our Queen ; to rule her heart in thy  
faith, fear, and love, and that she may ever  
have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy  
honour and glory ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illuminate all Ministers and Teachers with knowledge and spiritual wisdom ; that both by their teaching and example they may shew forth thy true and living word ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to endue with wisdom and understanding all that are in public trust and authority, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to give us the victory over every temptation ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

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That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel, by land or by water, all sick persons, and young children ; and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed .

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, and to enable us to forgive them from our hearts ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances ; and to endue us

with the grace of thy holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy will ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O God, our Father in heaven ; we beseech thee to hear us.

*O Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace.*

O LORD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful : mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us ; and grant that we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory. *Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-THIRD ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Responses.*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us draw near to God in prayer, and lift up our hearts to him in praise.

*People.* We will pray to him and he will hear us ; we will praise him, for his mercy endureth for ever.

*Minister.* He hath shewed us what is good ; he hath called us with a holy calling.

*People.* He is our God for ever and ever ; he will be our guide even unto death.

*Minister.* He turneth the shadow of death into the morning ; he leadeth us out of the darkness into everlasting light.

*People.* He will shew us the path of life ; in his presence is fulness of joy ; at his right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father: as we are children of thine by thy gift of life, and by the love that watches over us, and the wisdom that directs us, so may we be thy children in obedience and true devotion. May we serve thee in patience and humility, and in hatred of all sin, setting our hearts on things holy and pure, and judging ourselves according to thy perfect law. Let some breath of thine be in all our life, and our portion be among the faithful and upright who are of thy holy Church throughout the world. With all such may we have fellowship of faith and, when it may be, of worship, being made one with them in a true unity of spirit, in the bonds of perfect charity. And may we be of those who watch and strive on behalf of whatsoever is good and true, whose faith is shewn in all their works; who live in the light of thy countenance, and are blest by thy heavenly peace. *Amen.*

O LORD, our God, we are unprofitable servants, and in many things we all offend. Plant in our hearts humility and repentance towards thee, and compassionate charity towards those who trespass against us. Forgive thou us, as we forgive them; and, O Lord who searchest the heart, forgive

our unforgivingness. Blot out our past sins, that they may no more be our shame and remorse, but be remembered only as warnings to make us humble and charitable, and mindful lest we fall again. And, since it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps, uphold us, O heavenly Father, by thy helping hand. Sustain us in our weakness, help our unbelief; and bring us to our rest under the peaceful shelter of thy love. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL Father, who wouldest not that thy children should be in any darkness that hideth from thee, but hast caused thy light to shine in holy souls, hast spoken by thy prophets, and revealed thy living word in him who is the way, the truth, and the life: pour into our minds the light that shineth from above; that we may not be blinded any more by the gloom, or dazzled by the brightness of the world; but that, with true hearts, we may discover what is thy holy will, and be led into the truth; discerning the precious from the vile, the spiritual from the carnal, and endeavouring with meekness to fashion our hearts and lives to the obedience of heavenly wisdom. Thus, O gracious Father, do we, who are weak, erring and wayward, earnestly pray thee to guide and help us, that we may sacrifice our



pride and self-will, and walk wisely, with patience, in whatever way thou hast appointed. *Amen.*

O GOD, who in mercy hast taught us how good it is to follow the holy desires which thou puttest into our hearts, and how grievous it is to lose the love of whatever beauty and goodness our minds have once beheld : give us grace we beseech thee at all times to desire earnestly and to seek diligently the best gifts. Strengthen us to walk steadfastly through life, in the path which leads upward to thy nearer light. May we tread it prudently in thy fear, as well as cheerfully in thy love. And, having lived as in thy presence all the days of our life here below, may we be able to resign ourselves in hope and perfect trust into thy hands hereafter. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister may read, from the Gospel; the People continuing to stand :*

AND when one of the scribes came and asked him, Which is the first commandment of all ? Jesus answered him, The first

of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel ; the Lord our God is one Lord ; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength : this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth : for there is one God, and there is none other but he ; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-FOURTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

THUS saith the Lord; Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, who exercise loving-kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

JEREMIAH ix. 23, 24.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

ISAIAH xl. 31.

Give unto the Lord glory and strength; give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. PSALM xxix. 1, 2.

*Address.*

THE infinite Spirit, who fills all worlds with his presence, and in whom we live and move and have our being, has need of no words for man to hold converse with him, for he knows our thoughts and every secret of our hearts. But we live in his world, we taste his bounty, we breathe his air; and his power sustains us, his justice guides, his goodness protects, and his love blesses us for ever. We cannot fail to praise him, though we cannot praise him as we would. Let us bow ourselves down before him, with humble and adoring hearts, and, in his presence, seek to have our souls renewed and strengthened, that we may be better prepared for the duties of life; to endure its trials, to bear its crosses, and to triumph in its lasting joys.

*Prayers.*

O THOU, who art present everywhere: we know that we need not ask thee to remember us, for thou hast us in thy care and holy keeping, in the darkness and in the day. Thou art the presence at our fireside and about our path, watching over our rising up and our lying down, and acquainted with all our ways. We flee unto thee, seeking to

draw near to thee in spirit, and to worship thee with what is highest and best in our souls. Conscious of thy presence about us and within, and mindful of thine eye which seeth every secret of our lives, we would remember before thee the things which make us glad, or fill us with sadness ; we would meditate on thy great goodness, on the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, the joys in which we delight, the work thou hast enabled us to do, and the trials which thou hast appointed for us ; and we would recall, in sorrow and penitence, the things in which we have been unfaithful and have sinned against thee, and of which we are ashamed in thy sight. While thus we muse, may the fire of devotion so burn in our hearts that, from the momentary worship of our prayer, we may learn to serve thee better through all our years, and be brought ever nearer to thee.  
*Amen.*

**O** LORD, our God, eternal, unsearchable : we reverence thine infinite power, we adore thine unbounded wisdom, we trust thy perfect justice, we rejoice and are glad in thine unfailing love. We bless thee, Lord, for thy loving-kindnesses and tender-mercies. Thou art our Father, and we are the children of thy care. Inspire our hearts with a true

filial affection, that shall ever become more pure and strong, and shall lead to a clear and steadfast faith. May our souls be enriched with the gifts of the Spirit ; and, receiving much, may we consecrate all to thee. By our labour and our patience, our joy and our hope, our prayers and our tears, change thou us into the glorious image of thyself ; that we may become wholly thine, thy truth our light, thy righteousness our strength, and thy love the peace and comfort of our life, for evermore. *Amen.*

*[Here may be introduced any other Prayer.]*

*Then the Lord's Prayer may be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant]—Lesson.  
Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-FIFTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

THE Lord is my strength and my shield ;  
my heart trusted in him, and I am  
helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth,  
and with my song will I praise him.

PSALM xxviii. 7.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God,  
they are the sons of God. For ye have not  
received the spirit of bondage again to fear ;  
but ye have received the spirit of adoption,  
whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ROM. viii. 14, 15.

### *Address.*

THE Father of all, infinite in wisdom and  
in love, waits for no entreaty of ours to  
turn his loving-kindness towards us ; for he  
cares for us when we remember him not ; he  
knows our wants, and gives us better gifts  
than any we could ask of him. But, conscious  
of our dependence on him for all things, feel-  
ing our weakness, and our constant need of  
his help, we flee unto him with our prayer  
and thanksgiving, that our lives may be

lifted up into his nearer presence, and that all our blessings may be sanctified by the love which receives them as from a Father's hand. Let us come to him, then, in this hope, and with this prayer; and, giving ourselves to God, take as a fresh gift from him the life which we would dedicate anew to his service.

*Prayers.*

○ THOU infinite One, who fillest the universe with thine unsearchable presence, and hast thy dwelling-place in every humble heart that looks up in love and trust to thee: we come unto thee with our psalm of thanksgiving and our words of prayer, and would commune with thee in this hour of worship, that we may find thee nearer to us in our daily lives, and learn to live as in thy constant presence. May thy Spirit rest upon us, and pray with us in our prayer, teaching us the things we should ask, and how to pray to thee as we ought; that we may worship thee, the infinite Spirit, in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*

○ GOD, our Father in heaven: we remember before thee our daily lives, and we pray for strength to fulfil every duty, and to bear any cross that is laid upon us,



however hard and grievous to be borne. We remember before thee all the brightness of our life ; and we pray that, while we rejoice in the blessings that fall to our own lot, we may be filled with generous kindness towards our fellow men. We remember before thee the failures, the disappointments, the bereavements, and all the afflictions which befall us ; and we pray for thy help and comfort, that we may be patient to endure thy holy discipline, and that we may be strengthened and purified by the trials through which we have to pass. Remembering all these things, we adore thy infinite goodness and thy unsearchable wisdom ; and we pray that, whether we be in darkness or in light, we may feel thy hand laid upon us ; that trust and love may cast out every fear, and that our spirits may be at peace with thee. *Amen.*

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*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the Minister and People, continuing to stand,  
may say alternately :*

The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting  
the soul.

*The Law of the Lord is perfect.*

The Testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

*The Testimony of the Lord is sure.*

The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

*The Statutes of the Lord are right.*

The Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

*The Commandment of the Lord is pure.*

The Fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever.

*The Fear of the Lord is clean.*

The Judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

*The Judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether; and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

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*Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-SIXTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

THE Lord is my light and my salvation ;  
whom shall I fear ? The Lord is the  
strength of my life ; of whom shall I be  
afraid ? In the time of trouble he shall hide  
me in his pavilion ; in the secret of his taber-  
nacle shall he hide me ; he shall set me up  
upon a rock. PSALM xxvii. 1. 5.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call  
upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.  
PSALM cxlv. 18.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall  
understand the truth ; and such as be faith-  
ful in love shall abide in him. WISDOM iii. 9.

### *Address.*

IN the midst of our daily toil we pause for  
a moment that we may strive to set our  
life beneath the sight of God, and receive  
from him wisdom to understand its errors,  
and strength to meet its sorrows, or to rise  
above its cares. We come not to ask him to

make our way easy for us, but rather that he would teach us to endure hardness. We would know more and more certainly what duty demands of us, and would gain steadfastness to fulfil it. Amid the changing shadows of opinion, we have beheld, as afar off, the glory of his unfading light ; and we would learn, by the communion of his saints, how he is ever working with all who search for truth and labour for righteousness. Let us seek, then, the guidance of his Spirit, that we may learn to walk more faithfully in the way of Christ.

*Prayers.*

O THOU, unseen, yet ever near our souls :  
 anew we ask, with common needs and mutual sympathies, thy help and blessing in our lives. Be with us now, as we remember before thee our struggles and our failures, or thank thee that even on a hidden way thou hast disclosed some light from heaven. Day after day we are upheld by thy love ; in the midst of our waywardness, or indolence, thou dost still shed on us the sunshine and the rain ; still with thy constancy dost thou remind us of our unfaithfulness, and summon us to some more earnest work. Lord, we would confess our unworthiness, and ask of thee more strength for duty, and a deeper

faith. Let us not shrink from the high tasks to which thou callest us ; or tremble at the burden, or the mystery, of sorrows or temptations we had not foreseen. Take us into the fellowship of all pure hearts that cry to thee ; teach us our kin with all who have conquered in difficulty, and loved even through their pain ; and so make our worship fruitful in toil and trust. *Amen.*

○ THOU, who hast compassed all the pathway of our lives : we thank thee that thy providence abides through every change. Thou dost cheer even the loneliest lot with the comfort of thy presence ; and we can only bless thee for thy unfailing care. Into thine own eternity thou hast called us, and set us in the midst of purposes we cannot measure ; but we would thank thee for the good we know, and pray that thou wilt teach us patience till thou send more light. Waken our hearts to gratitude, O Lord, for mercies which have flowed upon us, day by day, in health and sickness, in labour and repose, in knowledge and affection, in the ever renewed beauty of earth and sky, in thoughts of truth and justice, to stir us from our ease and quicken our endeavour ; and so train our spirits more and more into accord with thy pure will. *Amen.*

O GOD, our help and strength : we come to thee, that thou mayest speak to each one of us the word which thou knowest we need ; that, wherein we are weak, thou mayest strengthen us ; wherein we are false, thou mayest rebuke us with thy truth ; wherein, with our poor strivings, we are making a slow and toilsome way towards thee, thou mayest let the grace of thy blessing rest upon us, and make us to feel the joy of being accepted and beloved by thee. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer : to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*—[*Lesson.*—*Chant.*]*—Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*—*Prayer.*—*Hymn.*



## TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

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### *Sentences.*

A NEW heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you : and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes ; and ye shall keep my judgments and do them. And ye shall be my people and I will be your God.

EZEKIEL xxxvi. 26-28.

Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it ; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. LUKE xvii. 33.

### *Address.*

A GAIN we have met together to strengthen our lives at the Fountain of all strength and life. Let us put aside every selfish thought and worldly disposition, and, as disciples of Jesus Christ, strive only to lose ourselves, that we may find our true life in God's most holy service. Let us draw near to him in prayer that he may strengthen us

to seek virtue more than the rewards of virtue, a loving heart more than the returns of love ; that we may strive to deserve, rather than to gain, the gratitude of men, to receive with thankfulness, or forego with cheerfulness, the blessings and the joys of life, and to be faithful and true in all things.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, infinite and eternal : no thought can comprehend, nor tongue can utter what thou truly art ; yet thou dost reveal thyself to the pure in heart who truly seek thee, and we know that thy everlasting arms are beneath us, and that thou dost ever support us. Oh, breathe upon our spirits now, and let us feel thy sacred presence purifying our hearts from every evil thought and selfish desire ; that we may learn to bend our wills to thine, and, casting off the bondage of self-will, may serve thee in perfect freedom. *Amen.*

O FATHER, strengthen us we beseech thee against every temptation that besets our path, lest we be drawn aside from thee and lose our way. When sloth and carelessness hold us back from thy most blessed service, or wayward passion drives us from thy fold, may the voice of thy calling be



still repeated till we hearken and return. We know that thou wilt never despair of us ; help us never to despair of ourselves. Oh, keep the light of hope in our hearts, that, how often soever we fall, we may not be utterly cast down ; and though the consciousness of our sins and errors weigh down our spirits, yet may we dare to look up to thee, and so receive strength to set our faces along the path which thou hast bidden us tread, and to cling more faithfully to thee.  
*Amen.*

○ GOD of Truth, we beseech thee to take the scales from our eyes, that we may see things as they truly are. Suffer us not to be led astray by too eager desire, or by too great fear, of the things which pass away and do but seem to be. Teach us rather to lay hold of those things that are eternal, and to seek at all times thy kingdom and thy righteousness, knowing that thou wilt add unto us whatsoever is needful. So may our lives grow ever truer and more holy, that we may not fear the face of man, but may seek only to please thee. We ask for no wealth or power more than thou dost give us ; but we ask the grace of thy Spirit, that we may so make use of all our opportunities as to gain in ever richer measure the tranquil

power to serve thee, and to make the light of thy love shine upon darkened hearts.  
*Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer : to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn or Chant.—[Lesson.—Chant.]—Lesson.  
 Chant or Anthem.—Prayer.—Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

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### *Sentences.*

REST in the Lord, and wait patiently for him ; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart. PSALM xxxvii. 7, 4.

Blessed be the name of God, for ever and ever ; for wisdom and might are his. He changeth the times and the seasons. He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding. He revealeth the deep and secret things. He knoweth what is in the darkness ; and the light dwelleth with him. DANIEL ii. 20-22.

We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love ; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 JOHN iv. 16.

### *Address.*

ON this day of rest we feel that it is good for us to spend some part of our leisure in spiritual communion, and meditation on things unseen. Let us dedicate now a quiet

hour to sacred thoughts, to hallowed memories, and uplifting hopes and aspirations. And if we may gain here any true peace of mind, and comfort, and strength of heart, we will bless God for it, and go back to our work and our daily interests and cares, prepared to bear more patiently any cross that he may lay upon us, and to serve him with more fidelity and more gladness in the way which he has appointed.

*Prayers.*

O GOD, the Father of our spirits, thou sustaining Power, and watchful Providence, and fostering Love : we come to thee as thy children, to hear what thou wilt speak to our souls, and to feel thy hand laid upon us in blessing. We would give thee, Lord, our hearts. We wait for thee as they that watch for the morning. Breathe into our life thy spirit of holiness and love and peace. Awaken in us the high desire and devout affection that will bring us into thy nearer presence. Lift us up above the selfish cares of life. Lift us up above the doubts and fears of our unfaithful hearts. Lift us up above the mists and clouds of earth ; that we may behold the pure brightness of thine unchanging truth and love ; that we may see

clearly the way wherein our feet should go, and that, being brought back from our wanderings, we may walk with thee in peace and joy. *Amen.*

O LORD most holy, most merciful : our hope is in thee, for thy compassion faileth not. Thou art patient and long-suffering towards thy weak and erring children, and thou wilt never reject the suppliant who cries to thee for help. Thou only knowest whether we are indeed lifting up our hearts, and longing for communion with thee. Thou knowest whether, in our prayers for thy pardon and blessing, we are moved by a heartfelt repentance, and an earnest desire and resolve to turn away from evil, and patiently to endure thy holy and righteous discipline ; that we may be redeemed from our sin, and restored to the peace and happiness of the true life with thee. Father, forgive we beseech thee the imperfections of our best offering. Kindle our sacrifice by the heavenly fire of thine own love and goodness ; and may we so truly find thee here in our prayer, that we may never lose thee, but that we may dwell in the house of the Lord, even in thy holy presence, O our Father and our God, for evermore. *Amen.*

WE thank thee, Lord, with humble and grateful hearts, for every moment of religious peace, when we feel that thou art with us, and our doubts and fears are laid to rest. We bless thee for every devout fervour, for every heavenward aspiration, which lifts up our spirits to thy dwelling-place, and gives to longing souls a foretaste of the joy of the nearer communion and purer service of the heavenly life. Grant us, O God, even now, to know this joy ; and whether thou leadest us in green pastures and beside the still waters, or through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil ; our heart shall rest in thee, and nothing shall separate us from thy love. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer : to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*

[*Lesson.—Chant.*]

*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*

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*Then the following Beatitudes may be said by the Minister, the People responding ; all standing.*

BLESSED are the poor in spirit ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are they that mourn ; for they shall be comforted.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are the meek ; for they shall inherit the earth.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness ; for they shall be filled.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are the merciful ; for they shall obtain mercy.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are the pure in heart ; for they shall see God.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are the peacemakers ; for they shall be called the children of God.

*Write these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Write all these words in our hearts, O Lord we beseech thee.*

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*Prayer.*  
*Hymn.*

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## TWENTY-NINTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences*

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face ; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. PSALM xxvii. 8.

Oh, how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts ! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord ; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.  
PSALM lxxxiv. 1, 2.

### *Address.*

**I**T is of the Lord's goodness that we again meet together in peace, to praise him for his mercies, to adore his unsearchable wisdom and glory, and to pour out our heart's desires to him in prayer. It is his love that is calling us ; it is his love that welcomes us when we come to him. Let us draw nigh unto him in a true communion of spirit, and gratefully receive the light and guidance and comfort which he only can bestow. And may the Lord bless us in our worship : may he lift up the light of his countenance upon us and give us peace.

*Prayers.*

O LORD, our God, the Father, Saviour, and Comforter of thy people: we flee unto thee, the refuge of our souls, and, in the quiet of this hour of prayer, would rest in peace under the shelter of thy love. Here, in communion with thee, we would gain strength for the labours, patience for the trials, and light for the perplexities and difficulties of our lives; and, remembering our past failures and weaknesses and sins, would humbly seek again the support and guidance which we never yet have trusted as we ought. Father, we have loved thee with the love of children, but of wayward children, needing thy continual forbearance, and coming oftener to thee with the prayer for pardon than with the blameless offering of a pure and obedient life. Forgive us, we beseech thee, our so constant need of thy forgiveness; and may we, in a holier spirit and with a more steadfast will, renounce for ever the evil we lament, and press forward in the way that leads to life and light. *Amen.*

O GOD, eternal and unchangeable: we bless thee that, amid all the shadows that fall on our earthly way, the doubts that perplex us, the fears that hinder us, the dimness of our spiritual vision, the partial

measure of our approach to thee, we have one steadfast light still shining on our path, even the light of thine infinite love. If thou watchest over us, we are safe ; if thou guidest us we shall not lose the way ; if thou art teaching us we cannot learn amiss. We would only pray for a spirit of faith and trust, that we may submit ourselves in all things to thy disposal ; of filial love, to seek thee ever as our Father. Thus may we find the true rest for our souls, the true strength of our life, and joy that abides for ever. *Amen.*

WE bless thee, O heavenly Father, for all thy gifts of human love and friendship, for the sweet charities and kind affections, the thoughts, the desires, the hopes, which unite us as members of one family before thee. Now would we take into the fellowship of our prayers all whom thou hast made most dear to us, husband and wife, parent and child, brother and sister ; all who are drawn to us by the ties of kindred and affection ; all who are at one with us in the faith by which we come to thee ; all who are seeking thy help, who are longing for thy consolation ; all who are lifting up their souls into the light of thy heavenly presence. May the prayers which rise to thee continually from countless worshippers in every

land, avail to bring thy children nearer to one another in the bonds of their human brotherhood, and nearer to thee in filial love and devotion. May the sad heart be cheered, the weary spirit find rest, the darkened soul be enlightened, and the heavy burdens of sin and despair be laid at thy feet, to be taken up again no more. O Spirit of love, of wisdom and of strength, breathe thy eternal life into our hearts. Bring us to the obedience and humility and self-sacrifice of Christ; that we may know his peace, and share his blessedness; and that, being redeemed from the bondage of our self-will and passion and restless desires, we may henceforth give ourselves more faithfully to that holy service, in which alone is perfect freedom. *Amen.*

*Hymn or Chant.*—[*Lesson.*—*Chant.*—*Lesson.*

*Chant or Anthem.*—*Prayer.*—*Hymn.*



## THIRTIETH ORDER OF WORSHIP.



### *Sentences.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from the wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

EZEKIEL xviii. 27.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him ; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he hath set before us. DANIEL ix. 9, 10.

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God : for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. JOEL ii. 13.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I JOHN i. 8, 9.

Humble yourselves in the sight of God, and he shall lift you up. JAMES iv. 10.

*Address.*

DEARLY beloved brethren, The Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*A general Confession, to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent ; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

*Collect.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent : we beseech thee to grant us true repentance, and thy holy Spirit ; that those things may please thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to thine eternal joy. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer: to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Minister.* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People.* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*People.* The Lord's name be praised.

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*Hymn or Chant (Venite).*

*Lesson.*

*Chant (Te Deum; or Benedicite).*

*Lesson.*

*Chant (Jubilate; or Benedictus).*

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*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.



*Then may be said the short Litany, by the Minister and People alternately; or else the three Collects which follow afterwards.*

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save the Queen.

*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*And make all thy people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people.

*And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Because thou only canst make wars to cease unto the end of the earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*And take not thy holy Spirit from us.*

*Then may follow these Collects.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the

abundance of thy mercy ; forgiving us those things wherewith our conscience is burdened ; and giving us those things which thou knowest to be best for us, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom : defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of sin ; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any temptation, through the might of that spirit which was in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**O** LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day : defend us in the same with thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight ; as true disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[*At Evening Prayer the following Collect may be said, instead of the one preceding.*]

LIGHTEN our darkness we beseech thee,  
O Lord; and by thy great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this  
night. *Amen.*

*Then may follow the Prayers and the Thanksgiving  
(XLII.—XLVII.), on page 207; or some other Prayer.  
And afterwards this Concluding Prayer.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace  
at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplications unto thee: fulfil  
now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of  
thy servants, as may be most expedient for  
them; granting us in this world knowledge  
of thy truth, and in the world to come life  
everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then a Benediction may be given by the Minister;  
and afterwards a Hymn may be sung.*





PRAYERS  
AND  
THANKSGIVINGS.



# PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

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## I.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

O GOD, who dwellest in light eternal ; infinite in power, and of unsearchable wisdom : thou hast called us into being, and sent us into the world to live as thy children ; thou hast made thyself known to us as our Father, and hast shown us the way of holiness and love, by which we may come to our true home with thee. Guide us onward, we beseech thee, from day to day ; support and strengthen us by thy mighty arm ; and bestow on us courage, patience, and hope, that we may journey on in peace and safety, feeling that thou hast beset us behind and before, and laid thine hand upon us. Draw us ever more powerfully away from sin, and enable us to press forward fearlessly and steadfastly where Christ has led the way. Forgive us for having so often faltered and looked back, and let us henceforward march straight on in the way of thy commandments. In thy strength may we conquer all temptations to turn aside from our obedience, and be preserved from stumbling and false steps. As

we draw nearer to the end of our earthly journey, may we feel that we are ever drawing nearer to thee ; and may our last step be a safe and peaceful passage to the arms of thy love, and the blessed fellowship of the saints in light.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who art the author and giver of all good things : we give thanks unto thee for the manifold blessings which we have received and are continually receiving from the hands of thy bounty. Thou hast watched over us and cared for us, from the beginning of that life which thy goodness first bestowed. Thou providest for our daily needs, the food that supports us, the repose that restores our wearied powers, our raiment and habitation, and all the fruits of our labour. From thee all our joys and comforts come ; and thou crownest our days with loving-kindnesses and tender-mercies. And when our joy is taken from us for a season, and our pathway is darkened, and thou triest us with affliction, still are we sure that it has been in mercy that thou hast so dealt with us ; and, if thou sendest us forth to sow in tears, bearing precious seed, we shall yet return again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

WE bless thee, Lord, for all the light and guidance, the hopes and promises, which thou hast given us by thy holy word, spoken through thy



true children in every age, making them prophets and leaders of men. Above all we praise thee for the exceeding riches of thy grace in Christ Jesus, whom thou didst send forth to reveal thy fatherly goodness, to declare thy law of love, to lead us by his pure wisdom and holy example, to give the promise of pardon and restoration to all who turn from their sins and come to thee for forgiveness; and to confirm us in the joyful hope of life eternal. May we learn of him what it is to be children of thine and brethren one of another; and may it be our earnest desire and steadfast endeavour to spread and deepen in the world the influences of that healing and sanctifying spirit which was in thy well-beloved Son.

○ GOD and Father of the whole family of mankind: thou alone knowest what is best for each one of thy children. To thee their wants, their dangers, their trials lie open. We earnestly pray thee to bless and keep all our brethren everywhere, to help them in thy wisdom and goodness according to the needs and desires of their hearts. Console the sad, strengthen the weak, lift up the fallen, bring back the wandering and the lost. Cheer and comfort the sick, and give to them and to those who watch by them, faith to submit in perfect trust to thy holy will. Send relief to the poor and destitute; befriend the widow and orphan; be a strong support to all who

suffer for conscience sake. Convert the sinful; release them from the chains of their bondage; open their eyes to their own misery, and bid them look to thee and live. May we have the will and the power to lighten one another's burdens, and be helpers of one another's joy. We cannot live for ourselves alone; may we gladly live for one another and for thee, and willingly spend and be spent in thy service.

REST upon us, O Spirit of wisdom, and deliver us from error and self-delusion, and guide us into eternal truth. Rest upon us, O Spirit of holy fear, and keep us in watchfulness and prayer, that we may not heedlessly stumble, or fall into wilful sin. Rest upon us, O Spirit of love, and chase all unrighteous anger, all bitterness and envy and evil grudges from our hearts. O holy Spirit, be thou our comforter in trial, when the billows go over our heads; be our strength in the hour of weakness, our peace in trouble and strife, the sanctifier of all our work and all our joy. Our hearts lie open before thee. Come to them, Lord, and make them thy temple and thy dwelling place; and grant that we may behold, with hope and joy, the dawning of that light which shall shine more and more, unto the perfect day. *Amen.*

## II.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth : we bow ourselves before thee in lowly adoration and prayer ; and in the presence of thy perfect holiness we would penitently acknowledge our sins, seeking help and deliverance, desiring to learn what is thy will concerning us, and resolving to devote ourselves more faithfully to thy holy service.

O God of ceaseless goodness and mercy, thy fatherly love that invites us thus to come to thee may make us cover our faces in shame that we have been so ungrateful, and so slow to hearken to thy call. We have sinned, against our knowledge and our resolves, against thy promises and thy warnings ; and though we were made for no meaner happiness than the enjoyment of the heavenly life in thee, yet we have set our hearts on lower things, and have been led away by desires and purposes which we could not ask thee to bless. And even now, when we confess to thee our offences, and own how frail we are, we reproach ourselves that we are not more grieved at our sins, and that we are too ignorant of our own hearts to know all our transgressions, and the measure of our unworthiness.

O Lord, our God, with whom is pity and forgiveness, we do desire to forsake the evil of our ways,

and to return to thee from whom we have gone so often and so far astray. We would patiently bear the chastisement of our offences ; nor would we seek peace in any way save that of true repentance, and of renewed devotion to thy righteous will. Give us godly care and watchfulness that we fall not again into any sin of which we have repented. Let not the allurements of the world, or any false counsel, or bad example, so prevail with our weakness as to draw us to do anything which would dishonour thee, or wrong our neighbour, or wound our own consciences. Cause us to hate all fraud and deceit, all malice and envy, all slander and evil speaking, and every offence against thy law of truth and love. Let us never deface thy image in our souls, and grieve thy holy Spirit, by yielding ourselves as servants to appetite and passion, but may we keep ourselves in purity and temperance, in simplicity and sincerity of heart. Give us grace thus to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, following the examples of holy living which have been set before us, and being strengthened and blest by the fellowship of Christ, and of all thy true, obedient children.

WE bless and praise thee, O God, our Creator and Preserver ; we adore that infinite perfection which we can never comprehend, thy creative power, thy sustaining and protecting providence, thy inexhaustible bounty, giving good gifts

to thy children. We bless thee for all that thy fatherly goodness bestows upon us, providing everything needful for our life, and causing us to rejoice and be glad in thy works. Grant that, with thine outward blessings, we may receive into our hearts the healthful Spirit of thy grace, and become ever richer in the inward gifts which endure unto eternal life. Inspire our souls with zealous affection towards thee ; that we may obey thee with gladness, and that we may devote ourselves heartily to the cause of thy justice and truth. May we be humble and lowly in our own eyes, meek and patient in our conversation, never doing wilful wrong to any, and being ready to pardon and forget the greatest injuries that have been done to ourselves. May we be cheerful and well content in every condition of life which thou shalt appoint for us, sober and temperate in our enjoyments, pure and chaste in our affections and behaviour, and diligent in all our duties. Let the life of thy holy child Jesus be in our thoughts and before our eyes, that, being in love with those excellent graces which shone in his blessed soul, we may have more and more of his spirit, and, becoming more like him, may be drawn into an ever nearer union with thee.

WE beseech thee, O God, to guide and direct all thy people in the way in which they should walk, and to keep them faithful to the

duties to which thou hast called them. Give wisdom, uprightness, and a noble spirit, to our rulers, and to all who are in places of authority and trust. May the laws by which our country is governed be thy laws; and may the obedience they require be a willing obedience rendered unto thee, the supreme ruler and law-giver of the earth. May every calling be fulfilled in truth and honesty, with diligence and good-will. Busied with the labours and cares of our daily life, may we find, in all, the way of honour and righteousness and peace; that, at home or abroad, in the world of men or in our solitary hours, in our harder toil or in simple and lowly tasks, we may be as messengers who speed to do thy bidding, and bring to thee for thy consecration and acceptance, the fruit of all our labours, and the issues of all our life.

○ MERCIFUL Father, visit with thy heavenly aid and consolation the sorrowful, the despairing, the tempted, the fallen. Let thy light shine in the dark places of the earth, dispelling the mists and clouds and gloomy shadows in which thy children wander away from thee into sin and misery. Thou canst kindle a spark of faith and love in faithless and unloving hearts; thou canst send a ray of hope into dark and wretched souls. Oh, break the chains of evil, set free from their bondage the slaves of sin; open

the eyes that are blind to thy light ; unstop the ears that are deaf to thy voice ; touch and soften the hearts that are insensible to thy love. Give us, we beseech thee, some word of healing and comfort to speak in thy name, some work of mercy to do for thee. Be with us to strengthen and direct us in our own lives ; and may we labour on with a good courage and a sustaining hope, with faith to commit ourselves to thy care, and, for time and for eternity, to trust ourselves to the divine love and compassion which thou hast revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### III.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

**M**OST merciful God, our Father in heaven, who alone art perfectly holy, just and true : grant that we may desire and will, both now in our prayer, and at all times in our whole life, what is pleasing and acceptable to thee. Give us grace that we may have no wish which we may not bring to thee in our prayer, and purpose nothing in which we may not seek thy help. So may our spirits be at one with thine, and our prayers be such as thou wilt hear and answer.

**T**HOU, O Lord, knowest what is best for us, and thou dost most justly and mercifully dispose all things according to thy perfect wisdom. If



thou wilt, therefore, that we be in light, be thou blessed ; if thou wilt that we be in darkness, be thou also blessed. If thou vouchsafe to comfort us, be thou blessed ; and if thou wilt that we be in trouble and grief, still be thou blessed. We would take at thy hands good and evil, bitter and sweet, joy and sorrow, and in all things be thankful unto thee. Cast out of our hearts all undue and unprofitable cares. Turn into bitterness all pleasures and delights which would draw us away from the love of eternal things, and from our true joy in thee. Oh, send down the beams of thy brightness, to enlighten and purify the hidden chambers of our hearts ; and let the breath of thy Spirit quicken and renew our souls, that we may cleave fast and be joined unto thee in gladness and spiritual comfort.

○ GOD, most righteous and most holy, we acknowledge and confess the manifold sins and offences which we have committed against thee, in thought, word, and deed ; and we pray that, thinking on thy great goodness and long-suffering, we may have grace truly to sorrow for our unworthiness, and so to repent of our sins that we may turn no more to the evil way. Assist and guide us continually by thy holy Spirit ; shew us the path in which we should walk, and give us strength to persevere therein with all steadfastness and patience. Deliver us from the spirit of pride, vain-glory, pre-



sumption, self-love ; and make us humble, gentle, and lowly in our own sight, that we lift not ourselves above our brethren, but esteem ourselves to be as servants to all men to do them good, after the example of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

Take from us our doubting and unfaithful heart, and give us a heart that trusts in thee and is devoted to thy will. Our careless, cold and impenitent heart take from us, and give us a heart to adore and love thee, and to mourn over all our offences against thee. Write thy law in our conscience, grave it in our mind ; that we may know thy rightecusness, and obey thy will, and believe and trust in thee for ever.

○ GOD, who searchest the heart, thou knowest how weak and frail we are. Oft-times a little adversity troubleth us sore, and maketh us dull and slow to serve thee. When we have purposed to stand strongly, a little trouble hath come, and hath passed not without much sorrow and complaining ; and out of a small thing grievous temptation hath arisen. Oh, help us, holy Father, and give us inward strength and spiritual wisdom. We would fix our heart on thee, above all joy and pleasure, above all glory and honour, above all power and riches, above all health and beauty, above all fame and praise, above all earthly gain ; for in thee only, O Lord, all treasures of goodness

most perfectly do rest, and in thee alone is our true blessedness, and our abiding peace.

O THOU Source of all our good, we would thankfully receive whatever thou, in thy fatherly wisdom, knowest to be expedient and necessary for us ; and we would use thy gifts peaceably and quietly, heartily acknowledging thee to be our Father, and resting in thy most bountiful mercy. And forasmuch as, while we continue here in this transitory life, we are so frail and unstable that we cannot ever be blameless in thy sight, but are continually in need of thy merciful forgiveness, may we be taught mercy by our own need of mercy ; and, as we hope to be forgiven of thee, may we from our heart forgive all that trespass against us. Make us able to bear with patience all occasions of offence, and not to recompense evil with evil ; and give us a tender, loving and merciful heart towards our brethren, that we may do good to all as we have opportunity.

And, as we do desire in this to be ministers of thy goodness, so now would we commend to thy fatherly care all whom we would fain remember, or would wish to be remembered, in our prayers. Be with those who are in any affliction or distress. Look in thy divine compassion on the poor and destitute, the bereaved and lonely, upon those who are in sickness, in pain of body or anguish of mind, upon such as are unjustly held in bondage,

and all who are wronged and oppressed. Give strength to the weak, light to the ignorant, and, to the sinful, true saving penitence and newness of life. Let that living word which thou hast spoken in the Gospel of Christ speak to us all with awakening power. And may thy holy Spirit sanctify our souls, and make us thine, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

#### IV.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

GOD of goodness and mercy, we lift up our eyes unto thee from whom cometh our help. Breathe into us the spirit of prayer, that we may desire earnestly the best gifts, and be ready to resign to thee our own uncertain wishes and imperfect choice, and to submit ourselves in all things to thy gracious disposal. Give us the humility and obedience of thy servants, that we may have the joyful trust and confidence of thy children; and fix our hearts on thee in filial love and heartfelt devotion.

WE sorrowfully confess, O most holy and righteous Father, how unworthy we are to be called thy children. We have sinned against thee, and wandered from thy ways. We have forgotten our duty to thee, to our fellow-creatures, and to ourselves; and our consciences do witness against us. With humble and penitent hearts, we own our disobedience, and lament our weakness

and unworthiness. Forgive us our offences, we do beseech thee, and deliver us from evil. May we never cease to suffer for our sins, till the ends of thy holy discipline have been accomplished, and we walk in newness of life, with a quiet mind, at peace with ourselves and thee. Preserve and continue in us the holy purposes which we now form, and strengthen us by the might of thy Spirit ; that with earnest resolution, and prayer, and watchfulness, we may persevere in the strait path of duty, and delight to do thy will. Enable us to walk continually as in thy sight, to keep our life as a trust from thee, and to make a conscience of all our ways. Give us grace to resist and overcome temptation, to follow the leadings of thy good Spirit, to be just and honourable in our dealings, watchful over our thoughts, words and actions, diligent in our business, and faithful in improving whatever talents thou hast committed to our charge.

GRANT, Lord, we beseech thee, unto all thy servants the will and the power to do the work which thou hast appointed for them. May those who are chief in honour, be chief in virtue and in godliness ; and may every calling be ennobled by the spirit of faithfulness and devotion to thy service. Grant to all rulers and lawgivers wisdom to enact such measures as shall best accord with the decrees of thine eternal righteousness and truth, and, to all who administer the laws, a pure and

upright purpose, that they may judge in all things, and for all persons, with strict and impartial justice. May those who rule and those who obey be alike submissive to thy supreme commands; that thy law may be the law of nations, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God. Bless our Queen and our country, we pray thee. Unite us as a people, in loyalty to thee, and in national honour and true greatness. Grant us peace in our time, O Lord; but, with peace and prosperity, let us never grow cold in the cause of humanity, or be faithless to the trust thou givest us in our power and wealth. Take away from us too great haste and eagerness to be rich; and let us set honour above gain, and a pure conscience above all riches. Thou givest to each one of thy children constant opportunities of doing thee service; make us to abhor the sloth and indifference, or the selfish rivalries and greed of gain, which would lead us into an insensibility and forgetfulness of thee and of thy work; and, whatever our hands find to do, may we do it heartily, as unto thee.

○ GOD, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, in whom our fathers trusted, and thou didst deliver them; be thou our hope for evermore. Visit, in thy compassion, all who are in necessity and tribulation. Grant them succour in their need, and comfort and support in the

time of trial. Confirm those who stand and are strong, and give them wisdom to take heed lest they fall. Enlighten and settle all distressed and perplexed consciences ; and, to all who are beset by evil thoughts and desires, give light from heaven, and thy strong help and timely deliverance. Relieve us in our sadnesses, give us patience to bear our burdens, and faith to seek and find thee in every time of temptation and danger. Teach us to submit to thy providence in all things ; to be content in all the vicissitudes of our life ; in prosperity to be temperate, and to read our duty in the lines of thy mercy ; in adversity to be humble and resigned, to look through the cloud, and to wait for thy consolation. In all events, may we do our duty with an unwearied diligence and an undisturbed resolution, not setting our affections on the possessions of this world, but enjoying wisely what thou hast given, and using it in accordance with thy will.

WE thank thee, Lord, for the bountiful provision thou hast made for our lives ; for the work which thou enablest us to do, for the discipline by which thou triest us, and for all the joy and peace with which thou dost refresh us. We praise thee for the might and glory which thou revealest in thine outward creation ; and for those thoughts of our hearts in which thou makest thyself known unto us as our Father. We thank thee for the

word which thou hast spoken to us from age to age by the mouth of thy prophets, and in the lives of thy saints. We thank thee for the good and wise and holy who, in this our day, are doing thy work, and teaching thy truth in the world. And we would ever hold in grateful remembrance all those who, having faithfully served thee in their day and generation, have received thy call to a higher service and a purer joy. Incline our hearts to desire the good whereunto they have attained, striving to enter into the fellowship of all holy minds ; that we, with thy true children and faithful servants, of every kindred, tongue and nation, may be united at last in one communion of love and praise, in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

#### V.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all men : thy praise is over all the earth ; for everything which thou hast made declares thy glory, thy wisdom and thy love. The universe in its harmony is a manifestation of thee, and by its un-failing order reveals the presence of thine abiding energy. Not only in the surpassing greatness of the heavens, and in the infinitude of worlds, do we see the image of thy perfection ; but in the smallest of created things can we behold it : and every trace of the working of thy hands calls forth our wonder and inspires our praise.



O God, all thine unconscious works reveal without a flaw thy perfect wisdom, and thine unsearchable power.

With sorrow do we confess that it is in us, thy conscious creatures, that evil rises to mar the harmony which thou hast called into being ; and our sin brings a dark shadow where all should be full of light and beauty. O God, have mercy, we beseech thee, and give us a new spirit, that we may not only grieve over our shortcomings and our misdeeds, but may in future have a more effectual strength to resist the manifold temptations which beset our path in life. Awaken us to a deeper sense of the beauty of holiness, and shew us how we may make our lives bear truer witness to thy glory and to the excellence of thy law. Draw us into full communion with thyself ; pour out thy spirit upon us, and enable us to rise to thee. May we be blessed with pure hearts, so that we may see thee, our God. Remove from us every unhallowed influence, every false thought and evil desire ; that the sanctifying presence of thine own self may be more clearly visible to us in all things around us, and that we may be able to trace thy guiding hand in all the course of the history of mankind. Oh, may the holy deeds and words of thy saints come unto us with prophetic power, so that on all earthly things the transfiguring light of heaven may fall, to guide us onward and to mark the path which leads to thee. Above all may we



be able to understand and feel the sanctifying power of the life of Jesus ; and may his example kindle within us a true and quickening love of all that is pure and holy. May we be constrained by his love to become fellow-workers with him, striving to keep ourselves pure, and to labour in the spirit of his perfect self-devotion.

Thou knowest, O God, how many of our fellow-men still live in the darkness of spiritual death. May we be blessed to be thy instruments in leading them into thy marvellous light, and in making them to know the peace of resting in full faith upon thy love. May we recognise the innumerable bounties with which thou hast blessed us, and strive to shew forth our gratitude to thee by freely giving unto others a share of the good gifts which we have received. May we remember that we are called to be stewards of thy mercies ; and may we be found faithful to our trust, consecrating ourselves and all that is ours to the well-being of our fellow-men, and thus truly serving thee. In this service may we labour with wisdom, patience and self-denial. Enable us to teach the ignorant, to reclaim the sinful, to comfort them that mourn, to uphold them that stand, and to raise up them that have fallen ; until all the world shall be full of thy praise, and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall have reached and entered every heart.

Bless with power from on high all who, in the spirit of Christ, are seeking to make known thy

name, thy saving health to all nations. Give unto them faith, amid all disappointments and discouragements, not to be weary in well-doing, so that, undismayed by failure, they may never cease to sow the good seed, assured that in due season they shall reap if they faint not. Break down the barriers which divide man from man; may the whole world be welded by brotherly love into one family; and may the sanctifying power of Christian charity cast out all evil, so that thy will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

May all who worship thee this day receive rich measures of thy spirit; that a deeper faith and warmer love may fill our hearts, and that by communion with thee we may obtain new power to help in working out thine all-wise designs for man. And, O God most merciful, more earnestly than for ourselves, we pray for those upon whom the blessed hopes and certainties of faith have not yet arisen. May the words of Christ, and the influences of thy Spirit, come to them with power, and awaken them to a yearning after holier things than they have known, so that they also may seek thee, and seeking find thee, and be glad in thee for ever.

O God, thou readest the secret thoughts of every heart, thou knowest the real wants of all who bend before thee. Answer thou according to our need the prayers which we in ignorance offer unto thee; granting us the things which thou knowest will minister to the growth of our spiritual life, even if

we ask not for them ; and withholding that which would harm us, even if we ask it. Grant us grace at all times, freely to submit ourselves to thy holy will. And unto thee, O God and Father, be praise and thanksgiving, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## VI.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

FATHER Almighty, Source of our life, and Giver of all that makes life blessed : we bow before thee with minds overshadowed with awe at thine infinite power and incomprehensible glory ; with hearts comforted by thy love, and lifted up in gratitude for all thy goodness and mercy. We cannot judge according to thy wisdom. We cannot see as thou seest. Thy ways are not our ways, nor are thy thoughts our thoughts. Yet, Lord, would we trust thee with implicit faith ; for we are sure that all thy ways are holy and righteous, and thy thoughts are thoughts of love and tenderness for us. Give us the spirit of obedient children, that we may seek not our own will but thine ; and, though we know not even what to pray for as we ought, we would utter our heart's desire to thee, being assured that thou wilt do more and better for us than we in our holiest prayer could ask.

Thou, Lord, hast placed us here, and given us our work to do ; give us grace, we pray thee, to do it ever as in thy sight. Deny us not the comfort and joy of thy presence. Deliver us from

the coldness and dulness of heart which so often keep us from thee, the spiritual blindness which makes it dark within us, the perverse self-will which cares not for thy help, and will not trust thy love. Suffer us not to walk in the ways of our own careless inclinations, or to live unto ourselves alone; but send us forth in the might of thy truth and goodness, to labour in thy most holy service. And, whether thou hast assigned to us a lowly place among thy servants, or hast called us to a graver and more arduous task, may we have grace simply to do thy will, and offer our best to thee. So, O Father, may we be truly thine; and, in toil or rest, in hardship or ease, in sorrow, or in joy, may we be growing ever nearer to thy likeness, and be united more and more closely with thee.

O God, almighty and all-wise and good, we praise thee for the revealings of thy presence in outward and visible things. Farther than eye can see, or thought can soar, thou guidest suns and worlds in their courses by thine unerring law; and with as perfect a care thou orderest the growth of the way-side flower, and shapest the drop of dew, or the grain of dust. In all that thou hast made, from the greatest to the least, thou hast set the mark of thy wisdom and thy power; open our eyes to see also the tokens of thy love. And though we may look but a little way behind the veil of outward things, and, before the brightness of thy perfect wisdom, the light of our best knowledge is but

uncertain and dim, yet may we rejoice in the hope of learning ever more of thee, and reading more clearly the word which thou hast written in the earth and in the heavens.

And still we thank thee, with a yet deeper thankfulness, for those gifts of thine which are the source of our inner strength and peace and joy; for the affections which unite us together as brethren and friends, or in the bonds of a dearer love; for the knowledge of our duty and the power to fulfil it; for the faith and devotion which lift up our hearts to thee. Thou hast called us thy children, and given us an honourable place in thy household. May we become more worthy of our high vocation, and by our steadfast obedience, our patient submission and trustful love, prove that we know thee as our Father.

O God of mercy and compassion, we ask thy blessing for all who are in especial need of thy fatherly comfort and help; for those who are perplexed by doubts, or hindered by fears; for those who have lost their way in the darkness; for those who are bowed down in remorse for sin; and still more, for those who are careless of evil, and who do not know how far they are from thee, and yet how near thou art, in all thy love and mercy. Bring home the wanderers, heal the sick at heart, lift up the fallen, and raise to a new life those that are dead in trespasses and sins. Give rest to the weary, comfort those that mourn, lighten

the burden of those that are weighed down with anxieties and cares, strengthen, or relieve, the hands that are overtaxed with hard toil for daily bread, soothe thou the pangs of disappointed hope and fruitless endeavour, and allay the pains of sickness and suffering. Grant us grace, O God, to be in all these things the ministers of thy mercy, that we may bear each other's burdens, and may use for thee whatever means thou hast given us of helping and comforting any of thy children.

We praise thee, Lord, for the lives of all thy faithful servants who have blest the world by their zeal and self-devotion, and by the consecration of their best gifts to the cause of thy righteousness and truth, in labours of love, and words of wisdom, and by all the influences of a pure and holy spirit. For those who still are with us, the wise, the good, the faithful friends, the noble teachers, the earnest workers, who help us by the lessons of their life and conversation, and by the quickening power of their goodness and love, we praise thee; and for those whose work on earth is done, whose word is spoken, and whose names are remembered in honour and reverence amongst us. May we take to heart the lessons that are taught us by thy chosen ones, and in every simple and earnest life; and may our own work be ennobled by the same spirit of obedience and love, so that we may ever be found among those who do their Lord's bidding.



God of life and light, let thy glory shine over all the earth, and all nations be brought into thy heavenly kingdom. Send forth thy messengers to proclaim the glorious gospel of thy love, to rebuke sin and conquer evil, and to establish the rule of thy righteousness and truth. May the spirit which was in Christ, be the spirit of all mankind, and the light that shone in him shine with rays of healing and blessing over the whole world. Give strength and patience to all who are labouring in the cause of freedom and justice. May those who are eminent in station, in power, in wealth, in knowledge, be eminent in virtue, in wisdom, in piety ; that their gifts may be devoted to the noblest uses, and their glory be in their simple faithfulness to thee. May the poor of this world be rich in faith and in good works. May every calling be followed in uprightness and singleness of heart. Remove from amongst us the false balance and the unjust measure ; and may we so labour for the things of our outward life, that our inward life may not be harmed, but may be permitted to have its full increase of spiritual growth in thee.

Bless our country we beseech thee. Give peace and true prosperity to us, and to all nations. In our counsels may honour and justice ever prevail, and may our power be established in righteousness. Save and deliver the world from the loss and misery that come from injustice and

tyranny, from evil ambitions, and hatred, jealousy, and revenge. Oh, hasten the coming of thy kingdom and fulfil the blessed promise of thy Gospel of peace and good-will to men. Lord hear our prayer : our hope is in thee ; we will trust in thy strength, and rest in thy love, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### VII.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

**L**ORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction ; and ere many years are gone earth's shadows will have fled, and we too shall be folded in the bosom of the eternal Past. May we not, therefore, be unduly wedded to the things of this world, but may we regard all outward possessions, and the great earth itself, and the glorious heavens, as only lent to us for a little while, as a vision that shall vanish away, as a dream, and the shadow of a dream. Still, while we live on earth, we would rejoice in all the wondrous work of thy hands, and in the blessings by which we are surrounded, whether those which have come to us through the labours of others, or which we have won by our own toil.



We rejoice in this marvellous world in which we live, in these ever-burning heavens above us, in this ever-fruitful earth beneath our feet ; in the sweet flowers and the green grass and the pleasant woods, the great sea, the abounding rivers and the running streams. We adore this wondrous beauty which is everywhere diffused abroad ; we bow before the majestic and inviolable order which pervades the world ; we would submit cheerfully to those unerring and inexorable laws which are the expression of thy constancy. Yea, though they slay us yet will we trust in them, for we believe that they are good because thou art good, and that, even through seeming evil, through sorrow and suffering and strife, they are still working in accordance with thy holy and righteous will.

We bless thee for this outward world, and still more for the world of life within us, the world of reason and imagination, of faith and love, which is the home of our spirit where we may ever find true shelter and rest. May we never neglect any power or good gift that is ours ; may we suffer no pure affection to be dried up, no noble aspiration to be crushed, no generous enthusiasm to pine and die, no excellent faculty to go to waste ; but, by diligent use of our opportunities, by conscientious endeavour, and unwearied perseverance, may we bring our nature to such measure of perfection as it is fitted to attain ; and, amid the coldness of the world, and

the temptations of life, and the promptings of our own passions, may we still keep our hearts pure, and our affections warm, and our motives simple and sincere. Whatever gifts and faculties may be ours, may we hold them in charge for the service of others ; that so, by our efforts, and by the silent influences which every man's life exerts, the world may grow happier and better, and thy kingdom be extended on the earth.

O God, may thy kingdom come, and may we do what in us lies to speed its coming ; that kingdom of righteousness, that kingdom of love and joy and peace, in which every proud thing shall be cast down, in which oppression shall be no more, and from which sorrow, and sin, and misery, and disease, and poverty shall be banished far away ; that kingdom which Jesus preached, and for which all holy hearts have laboured and prayed,—may it quickly come. Or if to us on earth, who still dwell amid the shadows of time, that kingdom must ever be a distant hope ; if it will never come on earth in its perfection ; if for us, here below, there will still be ever toil, and sorrow, and strife ; may we yet be cheered by some rays from its rising dawn, and may we labour on in hope and gladness, until we shall abide at last in the radiance of eternity.

We thank thee, O God, for all who in past times have laboured, for all who are now labouring, in the cause of thy righteousness and truth. We

would be grateful for all who, by their words or their works, have advanced the well-being of mankind, all who have fought in the great battle for human rights, all who, by their toil, their thought, their love, their perseverance and their self-denial, have increased the happiness, extended the liberty, added to the knowledge, or heightened the virtue of their fellow-men; all who have suffered for truth, who have died in a holy cause; Jesus and his holy apostles, the prophets of all times and countries, the great discoverers, the great poets, the great artists, the kings of industry, and all noble thinkers and workers; yea, we would be grateful, too, for the millions of unknown toilers who, from age to age, have carried on the world's work, who, patiently and uncomplainingly, have borne life's sorrows and troubles, that it might be well with those who should live after them. Other men have laboured; we would not forget that we have entered into their labours. Oh that we may be found in the humblest ranks of this glorious company of the servants of God, that so we may strive to do thy will on earth, as it is done in heaven.

Our hearts would go forth, this day, in love and charity to all mankind. We would remember in sympathy and compassion all who are suffering and sad, the poor, the sick, the afflicted, the sinful, the dying. May the sinner be turned from the wickedness of his ways, and live. May

the poor find riches such as this world cannot give or take away. May the sick and the afflicted seek the true sources of comfort ; and may Faith and Patience and Hope, like blessed angels, watch round their head, until they shall obtain a happy deliverance from their trouble. And may the dying be gently led, till they shall have passed through the dark valley which leads to the eternal home.

We would remember, too, the thousands of happy homes, the millions of happy hearts into which sorrow has not entered yet, where joy and peace and innocence have taken up their abode. We rejoice in the great happiness there is in the world, in the many energies in which man finds his truest joy, in the innumerable good deeds which unnoticed are done each day. May those who are prosperous not be puffed up by their prosperity. May the rich in this world's goods not put their trust in uncertain riches. May those who are now happy remember that the happiness of earth is short-lived, and that, though all is now bright and cheerful, the hour of darkness and of sadness yet will come. May we all remember that we live in a world where great duties await us, where there is serious work to do ; and where death will come at last to all.

Father, forgive us our sins. Sanctify us in thy service ; and accept us for thy mercy's sake.  
*Amen.*

## VIII.—A GENERAL PRAYER.

O GOD, infinite and unsearchable, Soul of our souls, and Life of our lives: our spirits seek thee who art ever near to us; and in our worship and communion we would deepen our consciousness of thee, and strengthen our faith in thy goodness, and our trust in thy love.

Father, we know that thou canst never forget or forsake any one of thy children. Thou waitest not for our entreaty to move thy love towards us and to call down thy blessing; for, before our heart knows its need of thee, thou art watching over us and bestowing upon us the gifts of thy fatherly bounty. And when, in the sinfulness of our heart or the frailty of our flesh, we break thy laws and would hide our faces from thee, thou revealest thyself in justice and mercy. In secret ways thou overtakest us, lifting us up when we have fallen, leading us from our errors and sins, and bringing us back to thee.

We confess, O Father, how often we have been forgetful of the duty which thou hast required of us. We have stained our hands with wrong, we have sullied the integrity of our own consciences; our love for our brethren has waxed feeble, our patience in well-doing has failed. We would humbly submit to the suffering and loss which are the penalty of every offence against thy holy law; till, ashamed of our folly and ingratitude, we turn

from the ways which are evil and lead to evil, and come to those which are holy, and which lead to eternal blessedness and peace.

O thou, who providest for all our needs ; of earthly things we know not what we should ask of thee in our prayer, for we cannot tell whether poverty or riches, whether ease or hardship, whether disaster or triumph shall serve thy purpose best, and make us what thou wouldst have us be. But whatsoever of these things falleth to our lot ; whether thou brightenest our pathway with thy sunshine, or sendest the cloud and the storm and the thick darkness ; give us the heart of faith and trust, the noble mind which loves the truth, the conscience which looks ever to the right, the affection which makes us spend and be spent for others, and the devotion which knows no will but thine. Father grant us these things, and we are sure that with them thou wilt give us all that is needful for us.

We bless thee, O Father, for the sympathies and affections which make us all one family before thee. We bless thee for the sacred ties of home, and kindred, and friendship ; for the social bond which unites us in a wider fellowship ; for the love of our native land ; and for that humane spirit which, passing the bounds of our own lives, of family, kindred, and country, is swift to go on errands of mercy, to seek and to save the wandering and the lost ; looking for the ignorant,



to teach them, for the poor and needy, to help them, for the sick and the wounded, to heal them, for the forsaken, to befriend them, for the oppressed, to set them free. We pray thee to strengthen the hands and cheer the hearts of all who are labouring thus on behalf of any righteous cause ; who are pleading for purity and truth, for mercy and loving-kindness, and in thy name go forth to conquer evil and to proclaim thy heavenly kingdom. Grant that we may be of the company of these thy faithful servants, and gladly do our part in helping to redeem and bless the world.

We thank thee, O God, for the still and silent joys that come to every earnest and holy heart. We thank thee for the happiness that attends the work of our hands, and that, while we are labouring for our daily bread, thou givest us the bread of life which perisheth not. May we make a faithful use of every good gift that cometh down to us from above ; and may we think on the things that are true and right, holy, fair and good, till we love them, and in them love thee, with all our heart and soul and mind. May we have strength for every day's duty, patience to bear every trial, and wisdom to order our pathway aright ; and in all the brightness thou sheddest on our way, and in all the joy and strength of our lives, may we ever feel thy hand laid upon us, and the might of thy Spirit sustaining us.

Father, we praise thee for the outward glories and wonders by which we are surrounded ; for this earth which thou hast made our dwelling place, for the heavens which are spread out above us. We thank thee for the gifts of each changing season, the rich provision of thy bounty, filling the world with food and gladness. Thy glory is revealed in the stars which shine upon us through the depths of space, thy wisdom and goodness in every blade of grass and every flower and fruit of the earth ; and in all this outward Nature thou hast set the visible testimonies of thy presence, thy power and thy love. For this we praise thee, Lord, with glad and grateful spirits. And we bless thee with a yet deeper thankfulness that thou revealest thy loving-kindness in the hearts of thy children. We thank thee that thou hast given us a spirit which lives for more than what is earthly, reaching ever towards that which is above, and finding its home and its rest in thee.

We bless thee for the noble men and women who from time to time are raised up in thy providence to teach nations the way of honour and justice, to turn many souls from wickedness, and to guide them in the paths of righteousness and holiness, which lead to blessedness on earth and beyond. We thank thee for the prayers, the toils, the tears, the courage and constancy, the holiness, the love, whereby the wilderness has been made to blossom as the rose, and the waste places have



been changed to a garden of the Lord. We thank thee for prophets and apostles, for martyrs and confessors, for the great men whose goodness and piety, whose genius, and learning and skill, have enlightened and blest the world. We thank thee for all thy saints and heroes whose names are recorded in the pages of the world's history, and are held in honour and everlasting remembrance ; and for those also, unnoted and unremembered, whose humbler lives have done good service for mankind.

Father, we remember before thee those who are dear to us, and whose presence is a constant joy and blessing. And we remember also with undying affection, those whom death has taken away and hidden from our eyes, and who, resting from their earthly labours, have gone home to thy nearer presence. Unite us still, O God of our souls, in one household of faith and love, one family on earth and in heaven. Grant that we who yet continue here may partake ever more and more of the life that is immortal. Day by day may we be transfigured into a truer likeness of thy holiness, walking in the light of thy countenance, and living so near to thee that all our days may be holy days, and all our work and thought a divine service. So may thy kingdom come ; and thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

## IX.—A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

O THOU, who art infinitely exalted above our highest thoughts, whose love and goodness no name expresses, and no tongue can tell: we rejoice to come to thee with the offering of our praise and thanksgiving, to adore thine infinite greatness and thine unspeakable love. Now would we lift up our souls into the sunlight of thy presence, and fervently thank thee for all the blessings wherewith thou crownest our days, that our life may be filled with yet more of strength and gladness, and that we may learn to praise thee better in the thoughts of our heart, and in the works of our hands.

We thank thee, O God, for thy perfect providence and thy tender-mercies which are over all thy works. We thank thee for this world in which we live, where thy presence shines in every star of heaven, and every flower of earth. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. The earth is full of thy goodness; and the rivers as they roll, the ocean as it ebbs and flows, mountain and forest, garden and harvest-field, the rain and the dew, the winds and the waves, the all-embracing sky, the sun that sheds abroad its life-giving warmth and radiance, the mighty vision of the countless myriads of suns and worlds which fill the boundless heavens,—all tell of thy greatness and thy power; they declare

thy wisdom, and bring glad tidings of thy love. And while we bless thee for the word which thou hast written in these outward things, and for all the influences which come to us from the visible universe by which we are surrounded; we bless thee for the invisible world of the spirit, of which the things we see are but the outward sign and figure. We bless thee that thou, who fillest all Nature with thy unspeakable greatness and glory, makest our souls thy dwelling-place, and revealest thyself in our inmost heart as our Father and our Friend.

Father, thou hast created us that we may rejoice in thee. Thou watchest over each one of us with unwearied care, and makest all things work together for good to them that love thee. Thou wilt not lose one child from thy mighty human family, but, how far soever we may wander, thou wilt surely bring us home at last. Thou hast shewn us thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; we know that thou canst not fail us, and, having thee, we are sure of all things needful for our good. Thou hast given us a nature akin to thine; thou hast endowed us with faculties to know what is true, to understand what is just and right, and with affections whereby we are drawn together in manifold ties of love, and friendship, and good-will. Thou hast given us hearts to love thee as our Father, and spirits to draw nigh to thee in a true and living communion.

O God, we thank thee for the shining of thy heavenly light, which in our darkness makes the brightness of the morning dawn, and, when other things fail and pass away, breaks through the clouds, shewing us thy kingdom of eternal peace, and giving rest and comfort to our souls. We thank thee that amid all the shadows and darkness of time, amid joys that flee from us and sorrows that remain, amid cares that oppress us, and sins that stain our lives, we can still lift up our hands to thee, and find our refuge under the shelter of thy pity and thy love ; and then we can endure the sorrows of the world, and do its hardest duties and bear its heaviest cross.

Father, thou art always with us, strengthening us in our weakness, enlightening us in our ignorance, arming us against danger and temptation ; and when our faces are bowed down in grief, and our soul is troubled, and we know not what to say, then, in the midst of the outer gloom, we bless thee for the revealing of thy light within us, for thy gifts of faith and hope, and the peace which abides for ever. We thank thee, Lord, for all these things ; and when we know not how to praise thee with our lips, and can only be silent before thee, thou needest no words for our thanksgiving to come to thee, for thou knowest our thought afar off,—Lord, thou knowest that we love thee.

We thank thee for the inner strength and abiding gain which come to mind and conscience in our daily toil, and in all the discipline of our active life. We thank thee for the relations of mutual interest, of help, and dependence, and all the common aims and purposes in which we work together, so that we can none of us live to our selves alone, but must give and receive, must teach and learn, and take thought for each other. Help us in all this to be just and considerate, to be careful lest in anything we trespass against thy law of charity and brotherly love, that we may do our own work in honour and faithfulness, and find in it all a way of serving our brethren on earth, of serving thee, our Father in heaven.

We bless thee, Lord, for all those who are joined with us in the bonds of love, whether by our side, or removed by distance, or separated even by the gates of death. And if we know not how to thank thee when those dear to us are taken away from this world and this mortal life, and are clothed with immortality, yet we thank thee that with the eye of faith we can follow them to the world where they are living still to thee. We remember with tender regret and heartfelt gratitude the days when they were with us on earth, and life was made sweeter to us by their presence ; and we look with yet more of hope and desire to the world of light, whither they have gone before, and towards which we are all travelling.

O Lord, we thank thee for the wise mind, the pure conscience, the heart of trust and devotion. We bless thee for the noble virtues which shine aloft as stars, and the great truths which have come down to us through the ages, the truths that make men free. We thank thee for all thy chosen servants, taught and inspired by thee, and sent to save and bless mankind ; for poets and prophets, and mighty men of thought and of piety, by whom thou hast given great gifts to the world. And chiefly do we praise thee for one of humble birth and meek and lowly spirit, who in an age of darkness came to bring marvellous light to men, and to lead them into ways of holiness and peace. We bless thee for the truths he taught and the life he lived, for his trials so patiently borne, for his temptations so bravely conquered, for his cross of self-sacrifice, and for the crown of reverence and love which has been placed upon his head, once pierced by the crown of thorns. And while we thank thee for him, O Father, and for all the great and the good who have been sent, from age to age, to be saviours and teachers of men, we thank thee that thy spirit is still the inspiration of every true and holy soul. We thank thee for those, who, in their lowlier callings, do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with thee, and, in the daily conduct of their lives, show forth the beauty of holiness, and the pure divine spirit of righteousness and love.



We adore the great and wonderful bounty which has appointed us to so rich an inheritance ; sending us to enter into the labours of the good and wise and holy who have been before us, and calling us to continue in the way which leads to ever nobler and diviner things. We earnestly desire to be faithful to our trust, and to be worthy of our high destiny. Every day we would strive to serve thee more truly, walking in the light of thy countenance, and lifting up our souls into a closer communion with thy Spirit. So may we be changed more and more into the likeness of thyself, and, here on earth, enter into thy kingdom, while we look for those things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man ; but which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. *Amen.*

#### X.—DRAWING NIGH TO GOD.

○ LORD God, ever merciful and gracious, to thee would we lift up our souls. We would feel thy presence now, and silence the disturbing noise of earthly interests, passions and desires, that thy voice may speak to us of eternal things. We would bring before thee hearts quiet and docile, that thou mayest reveal to us things which the wisdom of this world can never know. We would close our eyes against all false lights of

prejudice and human opinion, that in thy light we may see that true, unchanging light, which shines at the centre of every soul. But we feel that without thy aid we cannot thus approach thee with holy and surrendered spirit ; for vain thoughts intrude, and our fleshly nature drags us down to earth again. Thou alone canst give us the communion which we seek. Thou alone canst touch the heart that forgets thee, and loose it from its bondage. O thou who art nigh unto us, in whom we live and move and have our being, waken us by thy quickening power, and, in this solemn moment of prayer, proclaim thyself our Father. Pierce through every conscience, kindle every heart ; that we may own thee near, and offer thee the pure sacrifice of devotion and love.

Thy love, O God, never faileth ; our love alone grows cold. Thou art not far from any one of us. We need not ascend up into heaven, or go down into the deep, to find thee. Thou art with us, though we know thee not. Thy voice speaks to us, though we disregard it. Thou dost not wait till we draw nigh to thee, and lift our hands in prayer ; but all day long thou stretchest forth thy hands, and pleadest with us to choose our eternal good. It is thou that meltest the hard heart, that fillest the conscience with penitence, that breakest the proud will. Prayer is thy gift. Faith is the drawing of thy Spirit ; and without thy leading we should not even seek thee. From thee, and



through thee, and to thee, are all things; to thee be glory everlasting.

Teach us, O Father, to feel these things more constantly. Our frail hearts rest in thy gifts, and forget thyself. Every moment is full of thy love, but not of our adoration. We repine when our cup of blessing is full and running over. And, O Father of all mercies, with sadness and shame we own that too often we wilfully rebel, and refuse to obey thy voice. Oh, make us feel the greatness of our guilt in thus grieving the Holy and Perfect One, whose pity for us never wearies. And may our frailties and our sins so humble us that we may cast ourselves in faith upon thy sustaining love, and feel, with Christ, that of our own selves we can do nothing. Higher than all blessings, dearer than all joys, art thou, the eternal life of our souls, the Infinite One, away from whom all blessings are but vanity, all joys turn to bitterness. Earth shall pass away, the endearments of human friendship shall cease; but thou, the supremely good, thou who art ever in the soul, and goest where we go, thou wilt not change. Thou who alone canst fill all pure affections, thou in whom alone all holy desires are satisfied, thou who art the harmony of our being, the source of ineffable peace, wilt never leave or forsake us. Oh, may all the changes of this mortal life, the passing seasons, friends gone from our embrace, our hearts beating sadly, and the solemn mystery in the ceaseless flow

of things, deepen our faith in thee, and make us in a truer sense thy children. May the tears that dim our earthly sight purify the eyes of the soul ; and, when we are in the loneliness and silence of sorrow, may we find thee as never before.

O Father, our spirits thirst for thee ; they long, yea faint, for thee, the living God. Hide not thyself from our supplication. If only through much tribulation we can find thee, teach us to bear our cross, that we may be thine. Thy will is ever blessed. In joy and in sorrow we would adore thee. All ours are thine, all thine are ours while we love thee. Father we thank thee for this communion. Thy will be done in us evermore. *Amen.*

#### XI.—THANKSGIVING AND RESOLVE.

O THOU who art the light of all our days ; we come to thee, that thou mayest rise upon our longing hearts, and fill us with the strength of joy in thee. Here for a moment would we lay our times in the midst of thy eternity, and feel with what a love thou dost sustain us.

Father, for all the gladness of our life we bless thee ; for beauty wrought into our hearts amid the silence of the hills or beneath the tranquil sky ; for happiness unspeakable even amid the fellowship of sorrow in our homes ; for the surprises of tenderness with which thou dost shed on us some unexpected joy ; for the widening range of know-

ledge, and all the hope of nobler truth ; for quickening impulses of reverence and sympathy borne in upon us by some prophet's word—for these, amid the multitude of thy unnamed mercies, would we pour out our souls in thankfulness and awe. Yea, in the greatness of thy love thou art not weary of us, who have stumbled and fallen, and have scarce dared, or even have not wished, to lift up our faces to thee. Our waywardness and our repining hast thou answered with more gifts ; to our indolence hast thou offered fresh opportunities ; around the shadow of our grief hast thou cast the light of an immortal hope ; the dulness of our daily tasks hast thou brightened and hallowed by duty and affection ; and so dost thou ever plead with our selfish ease, our untrustful cares, our numbing habits, and call us ever, hour by hour, to give our hearts to thee.

Father, even from the sad memories of faithlessness we would gather some new resolve, and seek to climb above the ruins of vain endeavour and unaccomplished purposes to the heights of a nobler constancy. Only we rise not of ourselves. Quickened within us, we beseech thee, the sense that thou art ever nigh, ready to make thy strength our strength, and gird our weakness with thy might. So mayest thou win us from our negligence, and draw us into the communion of the saints who have toiled and lived for Thee. *Amen.*

## XII.—FOR FAITHFULNESS AND TRUST.

O THOU, whose secret is with them that fear thee ; we come to thee as those who have caught far off some glimpses of thy holiness, and know that thou wouldst have us holy too. Day by day, with steadfast preparation, help us to train our powers for some perfect work. In hours of weariness, refresh us with thy grace. And if, with trembling hearts, beholding the sins and sorrows of our world, we falter as those who say “Who is sufficient for these things?”—oh, in thy mercy, give us anew the vision of the mystic kingdom in our midst ; that we may see how thou art working with all who seek for truth and toil for righteousness, and know that thou hast for us, also, the comfort of thy sympathy and strength.

Lord, thou hast taught us, by all who have sinned and suffered and through their sin and suffering have found a way to thee, that it is thy blest nature to heal the wounds thou dost not feel, and supply the wants thou canst never know : be to each one of us the secret stay, the inner guide of all our life. Draw, more and more, our thoughts and purposes to thee ; against the temptations of small unfaithfulness aid us to preserve, from hour to hour, an even will ; and, if upon our ignorance some stripes should fall, may we learn with patience the meaning of thy discipline, and

arise with keener insight and a more constant aim. Lead us, O Father, by thy Spirit, till we can walk steadfastly in the way of Christ to thee. *Amen.*

### XIII.—FOR RENEWAL OF INWARD STRENGTH.

O THOU, unseen but not unknown, to whom our hearts go out in trust and hope : deepen the roots of our life in thee, that we may win new strength for duty and a more sure repose of faith. Alas ! the dullness of our hearts is too well known to thee. Thou hast knocked in mercy and we have not opened ; and thou hast borne with our indifference, and our selfishness, and still poured out thy gifts upon the way we strove to tread alone. Father accept us, though we bring thee only the burden of our neglect : forgive us now, though we feel only too deeply, that we ask it not for the last time ; support us as we set ourselves again to tasks from which we shrank, and renew the efforts which have drooped and tired. We thank thee that thou hast made us kindred with the mighty dead, and lighted all the past with the growing brightness of thy truth. Oh, do thou quicken us likewise with new purposes of steadfastness : link even the lowliest of our duties into the great chain of faithful deeds whereby thy will is being done on earth : and so touch for us the simplest acts with the light of wider sympathies, of everlasting hopes. *Amen.*

## XIV.—THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP.

O THOU, who hast called us out of the silence that we may work for thee: we come to thee for the aid without which we fail. Thou knowest our difficulties, our indolences, our despondencies, it may be our despairs. Thou knowest when our faith grows cold, and our courage flags, and our endeavours tire. Oh, pardon us if we fall in the conflict, and lift us up once more to nobler aims. Give us fresh vigour for the lowliest toil. Without thee we are nothing: thou art all in all. In thee are strength and tenderness to support and save; and we would lay hold of thee in unwavering trust, that we may no more hesitate or stray, but may cling with ardour to duty and to thee. O thou Soul of our souls, guide our desires, and confirm our wills, and by our worship prepare us for our work. *Amen.*

## XV.—FOR THE REPOSE OF FAITH.

GOD of perfect holiness and wisdom; we would open all our souls to thee, beseeching thee to clear the eye made dim with care, and to purify the heart grown dull to the witness of thy love. In thy light may we see light,—light upon every hidden unworthiness, light upon every doubt and fear, and light upon all our happiness, making it richer by thy sympathy. Amid all the changes of our life, teach us to rest on thy unchanging will;



amid the conflicts of opinion may our secure trust be in thee, the only True ; and in the weary struggles of our reluctant wills, or the sudden moments of unexpected trial, be thou nigh, that we may stay ourselves upon thy patience, and find in thee our righteousness and strength. So help us, Father, to lift our lives above the cares of sense into accord with thy perfect purposes, that thy presence may go with us, and that thou mayest give us rest. *Amen.*

XVI.—THAT WE MAY DEVOTE OURSELVES TO  
THE WILL OF GOD.

**O** MERCIFUL God, grant us to desire with a fervent mind those things which are pleasing unto thee, to seek them wisely, to know them truly, to fulfil them perfectly. Lord make our way sure and straight to thee, so that we fall not, either in prosperity or adversity ; but that in prosperity we may give thee thanks, and in adversity be patient ; so that we be not lifted up with the one, nor oppressed with the other. May we rejoice in nothing but that which moveth us to thee, and find nothing too grievous to bear but that which draweth us from thee. Grant us to do all things in charity, and to count for dead what is not done in thy service. Let that labour delight us which is for thee, and let all the rest weary us which is not in thee. Enable us, Lord, to lift up our heart oftentimes to thee ; and, when we fall, may we think on

thee, and be sorry with a steadfast purpose of amendment. Most loving Lord and God, give us watchful hearts, that no vain and wandering thoughts may withdraw us from thee. May our spirit be so steadfast that no unworthy affection may turn us backward, so free that we may be enslaved by no appetite or passion, so firm that we may be broken by no tribulation, so upright that we may yield to no temptation. Lord, give us wisdom to know thee, diligence to seek thee, faithfulness to serve thee, patience to wait for thee: grant us grace to enjoy thy bountiful goodness on the way, and finally to possess the heavenly blessedness of our eternal home. *Amen.*

XVII.—THAT WE MAY ADVANCE THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD.

**O** GOD, almighty and all wise: enlighten our minds with heavenly light; make us wise with wisdom from above. The more the eyes of our understanding are opened to things earthly, so much the more do thou give us the knowledge of heavenly things; and sanctify our thoughts by the in-breathing of thy Spirit. Let the main purpose of our lives be to help forward humbly, wisely, and steadfastly, the blessedness of thy kingdom. And though the world move slowly, and that kingdom seem long in coming, let us meekly resign the times and seasons into thy



hands, and ever labour and wait in hope. Heavenly Father, bring our wills more and more into harmony with thine, so that, being in accord with the purposes of thine eternal wisdom, we may give to this earth more of the look and mind of heaven. *Amen.*

XVIII.—THAT WE MAY CONTEND FOR THE  
RIGHT.

O LORD, the eternal Life-giver, who liftest out of death and shame all faithful sufferers for the truth, setting their humanity on high, and making it glorious by its partaking of thy eternal Spirit: grant us grace always to contend for the right, and, if need be, to suffer for it; and give us not over to any death of the soul, but raise us up into newness of life, that we may abide in thy love for ever. *Amen.*

XIX.—NOW IS THE APPOINTED TIME.

ETERNAL God, who dost so faithfully warn us, in manifold ways, to think in earnest on the things which belong to our peace: we humbly pray thee, give us thy good Spirit, that we may believe with our whole heart in this thy great love and faithfulness, and that we may not trifle away the time thou hast given us, but follow thy voice which bids us do thy work while it is yet to-day. *Amen.*

## XX.—THE LONG-SUFFERING OF GOD.

O LORD, our Creator, thou knowest the work of thine own hands, and our hearts lie open to thee. Thou knowest how little worthy we are to receive the many and great mercies which we beg of thee in our prayers. We would ask them, not as though they were the reward of our deservings, but as the free gifts of thy bounty and compassion. For thou, Lord, who hast made all things by thy power, and art wonderful in all thy doings, art most wonderful and glorious in thy works of mercy and of love. We have sinned, and thou hast borne with us ; we have rebelled against thee and thou hast not cast us off. If we return, thou receivest us ; nay, even while we delay, most patiently dost thou await our coming. Thou callest him back that wandereth ; thou pleadest with him that resisteth ; thou tarriest for him that is slow ; and dost welcome him that casteth himself on thy mercy. To him that asketh thou dost give ; he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh thou dost open. Father, we have nothing to plead for our faithlessness ; and, when thou rebukest us, we are dumb before thee. O God, merciful and long-suffering, we would humbly submit to thy gracious purposes concerning us. Our refuge is in thy compassion, our hope is in thy love. Chasten us by thy holy discipline, lead us by thy perfect wisdom, and bring us out of dark-

ness into light, and out of the shadow of death into life eternal. *Amen.*

# XXI.—A CONFESSION OF UNFAITHFULNESS.

O GOD, merciful and compassionate, whose pity for thy erring and sinful children never faileth : we sorrowfully confess our careless wanderings from thy paths, our unworthy doubts and fears, our ungrateful discontent, our coldness and forgetfulness of thee. When thou hast poured out thy bounties upon us, and our days should have been full of happiness and peace, we have not praised thee as we ought, and served thee with gladness, but have longed for other blessings which were not ours, and have slighted the good which thou hast given. When the shadow of affliction and trouble has darkened our way, and thou hast tried us by thy wise and holy discipline, we have not always bowed in humble submission to thy will, and sought our strength from thee, but have given way to faithless lamentation, and have been restless and impatient under our cares. And when temptations have beset us, and evil thoughts have risen up within us, we have not always struggled against them, and come to thee for help and deliverance, but have suffered them to alienate our minds from thee, and to sully the purity and integrity of our lives. O Father, inspire us with a holier and nobler spirit, and grant us a diviner

strength. Forgive us the evil we lament, restore to us the peace of mind which we have lost ; renew and purify our lives, and fix our hearts on thee.  
*Amen.*

## XXII.—FOR HELP AND DELIVERANCE.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of the spirits of all flesh : we come to thee for help in the struggle of life wherein we so often faint. Thou knowest all our sin, and all our weakness and coldness of heart. We would not, if we could, hide anything from thee, but would lay bare our inmost soul before thee. O Father, though it is against thee that we have sinned so grievously and so often, yet thou alone art our hope to save us from ourselves, and to lift us up out of the mire of our earthly passions into thy heaven of purity. We believe that thou dost desire our deliverance, and that it is thy will that we should grow pure and upright, and altogether perfect. Lord, if this be so we are safe. Thy power is sufficient even to turn our weakness into strength, our sinfulness into holiness. Take us under thy care and heal us. We give ourselves to thee. We would reserve nothing from thee ; no sin from thine awful eyes ; no desire of our hearts from thy chastening hand. Take from us any joy ; give us any suffering and shame ; lead us, though it be through fire. Only make us thine ; thine in love and faith, in obedi-

ence and submission ; thine in our mortal life, and thine in the life that endureth for ever. *Amen.*

### XXIII.—ALL OUR WAYS KNOWN TO GOD.

**A**Lmighty Father, who knowest all things in heaven and earth, and who alone canst read the heart of man : thou needest not that we should confess to thee how often we have erred, and how far we have come short of our duty in all our past days and years, wherein thy loving hand has been stretched out to guide us. Thou hast known each time when it was stretched out in vain, when we heeded it not, but chose our own path. But thou hast likewise known each time when we have denied ourselves, and, holding fast by thee, have fought the good fight, through darkness and bitterness of soul into the sunshine of thy love. Yea Lord, thou knowest all our weakness and all our strength, all our guilt and all our penitence, all our forgetfulness and all our love. Thou art just and merciful, and in thee do we put our trust, for time and for eternity. *Amen.*

### XXIV.—FOR HELP AND FORGIVENESS.

**O** THOU who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the tears of such as truly repent, look upon us in pity, and revive our

spirits and the souls which thou hast made, lest we fall beneath the burden of our guilt; of time misspent, of idle and bitter words, of unforgiving temper and hardness of heart; of self-love and slumber of the soul, in a world where poverty and ignorance, cruelty and oppression, sickness, loneliness and sorrow are around us, and where there is so much work to do for thee. Turn unto us in mercy, we beseech thee, that we may hear thy fatherly voice of forgiveness and comfort, and feel around us thine everlasting arms, and rest under the shadow of thy boundless love. *Amen.*

#### XXV.—FOR STRENGTH AND PROTECTION.

**O** GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. *Amen.*

#### XXVI.—FOR INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE.

**O** LORD, from whom all good things do come: grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, in the faith and obedience of Christ. *Amen.*



XXVII.—FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity ; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command. *Amen.*

XXVIII.—FOR BROTHERLY LOVE.

O GOD who hast included all thy commandments in the one commandment of love, so that if we love not our neighbour we cannot fulfil thy law : we humbly pray thee, create in our hearts such a sincere love of one another, that we may be children of our Father in heaven, and true disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XXIX.—THAT WE MAY SPEAK THE TRUTH  
IN LOVE.

O GOD, whose kingdom cometh in spirit and in power, and who sendest thy word like the dew that falleth silently upon the earth : grant that all who contend for the faith which thou hast given them may never injure it by clamour and impatience, but, speaking the truth in love, may so present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it thy goodness and thy beauty. *Amen.*

## XXX.—FOR UNITY OF SPIRIT.

○ THOU, who art the one God and Father of all, who hast breathed thine own Spirit into thy children, and made us to be at one with each other as members of thy household: enable us, we beseech thee, to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. While there are diversities of knowledge, and of faith, and we cannot all be of the same mind, may we be made one in spirit, in brotherly affection, and in devotion to thy holy will. Deliver us, we pray thee, from all blindness and prejudice, and whatever else would turn our hearts from one another. By the charity of our temper and thoughts, may we shew forth the power of the Gospel of love, and may we live in peace and unity with all our brethren, as followers of the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

## XXXI.—AGAINST INORDINATE ANGER.

○ GOD, merciful and long-suffering: give us a wise and patient spirit, that we may not be lightly moved to wrath, but that our anger may ever be upon a just cause, tempered by reason and charity, and lasting no longer than is good for ourselves and others. Deliver us from a peevish and contentious temper, and may we never bear malice and hatred in our heart. As much as lieth in us, may we live at peace with all men, being



humble, gentle and merciful, bearing with the infirmities of others, and forgiving as we hope to be forgiven. *Amen.*

### XXXII.—FOR PATIENCE IN WEAKNESS.

○ GOD, who makest cheerfulness the companion of strength, but apt to leave us in time of weakness : we humbly beseech thee that if, for our unworthiness, or in thy sovereign wisdom, thou sendest tribulation, yet, for thy mercy's sake, deny us not the comfort of patience. Thou wilt not lay more upon us than thou wilt enable us to bear ; but, since the fretfulness of our spirits is more hurtful than the heaviness of our burden, grant us that inner calmness which comes when we feel thee with us ; and give us grace to own that thou doest all things well. *Amen.*

### XXXIII.—GOD OUR GUIDE, HERE AND HERE-AFTER.

○ GOD, by whose creative power we come into life, and at whose command we go hence and are no more seen : we humbly beseech thee to grant us thy help and counsel, and to lead us safely along the path of our life. Thou knowest how far we have wandered : bring us back in thine exceeding mercy, and put the joy of a reconciled spirit in our hearts. Thou, Lord, orderest our lot

while we are here on earth, and when we go hence thou knowest what in mercy is fittest to be done with us. Earth to earth, and dust to dust ! But our souls we commend to that divine love and righteousness which have been manifested unto us in this mortal life. We commend ourselves to Thee, O Father, and to the communion of all holy men, from the beginning. Do with us, Lord, as seemeth good in thy sight. *Amen.*

#### XXXIV.—THE TEACHING AND EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.

O THOU who didst send forth thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bring new life and light into the world, and to declare glad tidings of thy truth and love : we thank thee for his divine teachings and his holy example ; and we pray that we may be conformed to the image of his obedience, his patience, and faith. May that sweet spirit of humility and devotion which filled his soul be manifested in us. May we learn of him to be strong and brave in the struggle with temptation, to labour steadfastly at the work to which thou hast appointed us, and to take up our cross with an unfailing courage and an undying trust in thee. So may he help us, as he *has* helped us, along our earthly way ; and, striving to follow in his footsteps, may we walk with steadfast patience and with a joyful hope in whatever path thou hast appointed for us. *Amen.*

## XXXV.—THANKSGIVING FOR THE GREAT AND THE GOOD.

WE thank thee, O God of righteousness and truth, for all thy faithful servants who have lived on earth as doers of thy will, as teachers of thy truth, as messengers of thy loving-kindness and tender mercy. We thank thee for the martyr's courage and constancy, for the prophet's word of fire, for the noble virtues of thy heroes and saints, and for all the great gifts of inspiration and wisdom, skill and power, which have been bestowed on chosen ministers of thine, to enrich and bless the world. And we thank thee for every good life which shews us how, even in a lowly work or in patient waiting, we may find a way of serving thee, and may enter into the kingdom of heaven.  
*Amen.*

## XXXVI.—ALL SAINTS.

O GOD of perfect goodness and holiness, who dost enkindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of all thy saints: grant to us also the same spirit of love, and of devotion to thy will. May their examples stir us up to a better life; so that we who celebrate their memories may strive to imitate their goodness. And though, by our own fault, we have been far removed from thee, may we seek thee again in humble obedience and

patience and submission, and, by thy grace, be gathered into the company of thy faithful servants, who abide in thee for ever. *Amen.*

### XXXVII.—THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES.

**O** ETERNAL God, in whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence, that rest from their earthly labours, and their works do follow them, and their memory is blessed : we praise and magnify thy holy name for the great grace and blessing manifested to thy apostles and martyrs, and all thy true saints and faithful servants in every nation and every age, who have glorified thee in the days of their mortal life, and are a great cloud of witnesses to thee. Teach us to practise their doctrine and to follow their example ; and may we be united with them in the fellowship of the same spirit of holiness and love by which we are all brethren of Jesus Christ, and children of our Father in heaven. *Amen.*

### XXXVIII.—THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FRIENDS.

**W**E thank thee, O God of love, for all that thou hast given us in our friends, and in those whom thou hast made most dear to us. Bless them exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think. Help us to love each other in thee, and for thee ; to be one in heart through all sepa-

rations, and to walk as friends in the path of thy service. And finally unite us ever in that world where peace and love are perfect and immortal. *Amen.*

### XXXIX.—FOR THE SICK, BEREAVED—ABSENT.

O GOD, we commend to thy fatherly care and blessing all who suffer in sorrow, in weakness, or in pain. Especially do we pray for those who are accustomed to worship with us here, and who are prevented from being with us at this time by sickness or failing strength, or any trouble or bereavement. To them, and to all of us, let the day of affliction be as a holy messenger from thee, to bring diviner light and strength to the fainting soul, and to assure us of a nearer approach by faith and prayer to thy blessed presence. Thus, O Lord, help us, each and all, to meet and to overcome the trials which we are called to bear, enabling us in all things to give ourselves up to thy disposal, and ever to say, with Christ, “Not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

May a faith like his prevail over every doubt and fear, that all our tribulations may help to prepare us for a yet nearer communion with thy Spirit, and with the spirits of just men made perfect, in thy presence. For this, merciful God, may we be made more worthy, day by day. Hallow to us the memory of those who have gone before to that

blessed state, that the example of their lives may ever be present with us, to comfort and encourage us in the midst of all earthly toil and care. So may we, too, be permitted to enter into thy nearer presence; and unto thee, be the praise and the glory for evermore. *Amen.*

XL.—FOR ALL WHO ARE IN AFFLICTION.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of all who suffer: let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto thee, and may they rejoice to find that thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions. Let all who are beset by fears, troubled by poverty, worn down by illness, given over to punishments, all who are wronged and oppressed, the lonely, the suffering, the weary and heavy laden, be sustained by thy might, consoled by thy tenderness, and cherished by thy fatherly compassion. *Amen.*

XLI.—FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FOR  
RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE.

TO all those who may be ordained to suffer for thy sake impart, O merciful God, such plentiful succour of thy holy Spirit, pour into their hearts such contempt of pain and death, kindle within them such love of thee and zeal for thy truth, fill them with such an animating hope of



eternity, give them so much of the spirit of him who died upon the cross, that, after the example of thy saints and martyrs, they may steadfastly confess thee before men, and, having by their sufferings glorified thy name upon earth, may attain the everlasting crown of righteousness in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

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#### XLII.—FOR THE QUEEN.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth : most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign, Queen Victoria ; and so replenish her with the grace of thy holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts ; grant her in health and wealth long to live ; and finally, after this life, may she attain everlasting joy and felicity. *Amen.*

#### XLIII.—FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness : we humbly beseech thee to bless all the Royal Family. Endue them with thy holy Spirit ; enrich them with thy heavenly grace ; prosper them with all happiness ; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

## XLIV.—FOR MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: send down upon all Ministers, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.  
*Amen.*

## XLV.—FOR THE PARLIAMENT.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled: that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. *Amen.*

## XLVI.—FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind: we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be



pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal ; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

#### XLVII.—A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men ; [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them*]. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all for thine inestimable gift to the world in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech

thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, in the spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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#### XLVIII.—FOR OUR COUNTRY.

ALMIGHTY God, in whose hands are the destinies of the nations: we pray thee to bless our country, and to lead us in the way of honour and justice, and of true and enduring prosperity. Thou, Lord, hast permitted us to increase in power and riches, and hast endowed us with gifts of knowledge and skill, and assigned to us a place among the mighty nations of the world. May we be mindful of the trust which thou hast thus laid upon us, and ever be found faithful to thy cause. Oh, raise up among us noble and upright men, to be leaders and counsellors of the people; and may our rulers and judges, and all who are in authority, exercise their power as ministers of thy justice and thy mercy. May a wise and faithful spirit prevail in our councils; and may we be delivered from all evil ambitions and selfish rivalries and false judgments. May every calling be fulfilled in honesty, and every talent be rightly

improved. And may we so wisely love our country, and so steadfastly follow after all that makes for its true greatness, that we may hold a worthy place in the community of nations, and live as fellow-citizens of thy kingdom, in loyalty to thee, the heavenly King and sovereign Lord of all. *Amen.*

XLIX.—FOR ALL WHO ARE ENGAGED IN  
WORKS OF MERCY.

O GOD, whose love, shed abroad in the hearts of thy children, is mighty to overcome evil, and to redeem and bless the world: we give thanks unto thee for all who, in the pure spirit of Christian charity, are engaged in any work of mercy and compassion. Oh, grant the aid of thy fatherly counsel, and the support of thy divine strength, to those who teach the ignorant, who minister to the sick and wounded, who visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, who plead the cause of the weak and the oppressed. Let the comfort of thy presence be with those who go forth to reclaim the sinful, to lift up the degraded to whisper hope to the despairing, to strengthen the weak hands, and cheer and sustain the failing hearts, to build up the waste places, and make the desert blossom as the rose. May we count ourselves happy if we may have some part, however humble, in this work of restoration and healing; and, by the faithfulness of those whom thou callest

thus to labour for thee, may all who wander, and all who suffer, be comforted with the blessed promises of the gospel of thy love, and brought at last into thy kingdom of light, and holiness, and peace. *Amen.*

#### L.—IN TIME OF WAR.

**O** GOD, who hast given thy law to the nations, and hast made them to live at peace with one another under thy just and righteous government: we lament before thee the great evil and loss which befall the world when nation rises against nation, and thy people are slain, and the fruits of peace are wasted and destroyed. Hear our cry of distress, and our prayer on behalf of all who are suffering the miseries of war, both those who are engaged in the strife, and those who with heavy hearts, and in darkened homes, mourn the loss of lives most dear and precious to them. Grant that, even in the heat of the battle, or in the flush of victory, the spirit of true valour, and the counsels of mercy and humanity may prevail, that passion and violence may be restrained, and all needless suffering and loss be prevented; and let thy blessing be with those who go to the battle-field on errands of mercy, to minister to the wounded and perishing, and to befriend the homeless and the destitute. Oh, let the dark cloud of war pass away, and the light

of peace return again : but may it only come with the triumph of the righteous cause, and with the gain of freedom and national good. Lord, hear our prayer : for thou canst bring good out of evil, and light out of darkness ; thou art our rock and our defence, our strength, and our portion for ever. *Amen.*

# LI.—WHEN PEACE HAS BEEN RESTORED.

○ THOU who, after the storm, makest a calm, who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people : we bring to thee our fervent thanksgiving for the restoration of peace to the people that have been at strife, and the lands that have been wasted by war ; and we pray that the true spirit of peace may prevail, so that no root of bitterness may remain, no evil remembrances of wrong, no national hatreds, and jealousies, and purposes of revenge. May every cause of estrangement be removed, and those who have been enemies be reconciled in their hearts, and abide, henceforth, in the bonds of peace and good-will. And, oh, may that time quickly come when the nations of the world shall no longer strive and destroy, and shall not learn war any more ; and when the peaceful kingdom of thy righteousness shall be established from sea to sea, even unto the ends of the earth. *Amen.*

## LII.—FOR ONE WHO IS IN SICKNESS.

O THOU, who dost sustain the life of our frail mortal bodies, and lead us safe amid the shadows on our earthly path: thou art our help and solace when our strength fails and we are brought low. We beseech thee now, O most merciful Father, to support and bless thy servant who, on *his* bed of sickness, desires to be remembered in our prayers. Grant *him* the inward strength and peace of thy presence. May *he* with patience await thy will concerning *him*, being upheld by that spirit of constancy which was in Jesus Christ, and in all thy children who have borne pain and sorrow in filial submission and trust. May those who watch by *him* be cheered and comforted by the same spirit; and, bringing to thee the burden of their anxieties and fears, may they receive into trustful hearts the consolations of thy fatherly love. *Amen.*

LIII.—THANKSGIVING FOR ONE WHO HAS  
RECOVERED FROM SICKNESS.

O THOU, who healest our diseases, and crownest us with loving-kindnesses and tender mercies: we desire to join in the thanksgiving of thy servant whom thou hast raised up from the bed of sickness, and who praises thee now for the goodness which has preserved *his* life, and permitted *him* to unite

with us again in worshipping thee. May the heart which thou hast searched and tried be made more faithfully thine, and the powers which thou hast restored be devoted with renewed diligence to thy service. In the time of our health and gladness may we do the work of our life while it is day, that the night of our trouble and infirmity may not bring with it the sadness of vain regrets and self-reproach, but that our heart may be at peace in thee. Whatever work or whatever trial thou hast for us yet on earth, may we be obedient and resigned to thy will, assured that neither life nor death can separate us from thy love. *Amen.*

#### LIV.—THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

**G**OD of life and love, we bless thee for the sacred trust which thou layest upon us, and the gracious gift which we receive from thee, when a new-born soul begins its life with us on earth. We would thank thee now for the goodness which has blest thy servant who desires to make mention of thy merciful loving-kindness to her, and to the home which thou hast visited with joy and gladness. Protect by thy tender care the new life which thou hast given, and endue with grace and wisdom those whom thou hast charged to watch over and keep it for thee. May the little child be a blessing to the home and to the world into which it has been born. As it grows in years may it



grow in grace, and, being led in the way of Christ, the way of truth and holiness, of love and humble obedience, may it be added to the number of thy good and faithful servants, and be brought into thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

#### LV.—FOR THOSE IN BEREAVEMENT.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, unto whom we may come in every hour of darkness and sorrow, to pour out our griefs to thee, and to rest our troubled hearts under the shelter of thy compassion : hear now our prayer, we beseech thee, for those who are bowed down in mourning and affliction. In their darkness may thy light shine, in their loneliness may thy presence be felt. Thou hast given us the blessed assurance that the sorrows of death are but for a little while, and that the grave is only as a gate of entrance to another world of life. We pray thee, O our Father and Comforter, to grant us, in our saddest hour of bereavement, the joy and consolation of that hope ; that, when we part from those whom thou callest away, we may say in our hearts that we shall meet again. May we who remain behind a little longer keep ever clear and bright the memory of their lives. May we be blest, even now, by a true communion of spirit with the unseen world, and live as members of one family, one company of friends and brethren, on earth and in heaven. *Amen.*



## LVI.—FOR THE DEPARTED.

○ THOU, before whom we would oft-times make mention in our prayer of those who are dear to us, and of all for whom our heart moves us to ask thy help and blessing : as thus we pray for thy children who are living with us here on earth, so would we also remember before thee those who have been taken from our mortal sight, and have passed through the valley of the shadow of death into the world that lies beyond. We commend them to thy fatherly care, even to that divine providence which surrounded their earthly way. Thou wilt grant to those who sought thee here, the blessed vision of thy brighter presence, and to those who obeyed thee in humility and love, the call to a higher service. Thou canst renew the strength that failed on earth ; thou canst restore the purity that was soiled, and give light to the mind that was blinded, and change the heart that was turned from thee. Oh, continue thou thy mercies and loving-kindnesses to those whom here thou couldst never forsake. And may we, in all our present work and striving, in our gladness or sorrow, and in all the deepest experiences of our life here below, be kept in a true fellowship of spirit with the departed, and be sustained by the joyful expectation of meeting them again, and of being joined with them in still closer and dearer bonds of love and holy service. *Amen.*

## LVII.—CHRISTMAS.

WE bless and praise thee, O God, for the great gift of thy goodness in him whose birth we commemorate this day. We would pay the glad homage of our gratitude and love at the lowly cradle in which Jesus was laid when he was born to bless the world ; and would echo in our hearts the heavenly song of Peace on earth, good will toward men. As now our homes are gladdened by the joyful meeting of kindred and friends, so may our hearts be filled, not now only but at all times, with the true spirit of kindness and brotherly affection. May the bright promise of the Gospel of love be fulfilled in us, and thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ; and may the day-spring from on high arise on every heart, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Amen.*

## LVIII.—THE LAST SUNDAY IN THE YEAR.

FATHER of our spirits, thou infinitely wise and just disposer of our lot : all the days and years of our life bear witness to thy providence ; and when we look back upon the ways in which thou hast led us, and take counsel with ourselves concerning the time that is past, we recognise, with thankfulness, the constant tokens of thy

presence and thy care. Now would we bless thee for all that thou hast done for us, and all that thou hast been to us, in the year that has drawn nearly to its close. Fix in our minds every lesson of duty, of patience, of faith and spiritual wisdom, which thou hast been teaching us. Reveal to us the true meaning of our lives, and the purposes of thy dealings with us. Take from our hearts every veil that would hide the brightness of that light from heaven which shines to cheer and comfort all who strive to walk with thee in singleness of heart, in humble obedience, and steadfast trust. Father, we remember before thee, in penitence and humility of spirit, the blessings which we have received with too little gratitude, and have kept with too little care; the difficulties and trials in which our courage has deserted us, and our patience and endurance have failed; the opportunities which have been neglected, the holy lessons which have not been taken to heart. And we remember also, with gladness and thankful love, the good gifts which we have been permitted to treasure up, the lasting gains of knowledge and wisdom, of goodness and affection, which have made our lives more dear to us, and all the work, and the discipline whereby thou hast tried and strengthened us, and hast brought us nearer to thyself. Father, if it be thy will that we should enter upon another year of our lives, may we do so with an earnest and effectual desire to be more faithful to thy

guidance, more obedient to thy commands, more worthy of thy love and care. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us; and lead us in the way everlasting. *Amen.*

### LIX.—THE NEW YEAR.

○ THOU, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night: we bow our spirits before the mystery of thine eternity, and adore the love which visits us in our lowliness and with unfailing care sustains and blesses us as thy children. Thy fatherly hand has guided us and brought us to this hour, and now, on the threshold of a new year, we would commit ourselves in trust and thankfulness to the providence which has surrounded our way with blessing, to the pity and compassion in which thou hast looked on our weakness, and the love that has sought us in our wanderings and forgiven our sins. We pray that the good treasure of our hearts may be for ever enriched by the experiences of the year that is past. May we keep sacred all its memories of love and goodness, and gratefully recall those seasons of joy or sorrow, of duty or trial, when we felt thee nearest to us, and looked on our life in the light of thy holiness and truth. And may we be enabled to forget the things of which now we think with shame and self-reproach, sorrowing with a godly sorrow for all our

unfaithfulness, and pressing forward with fresh resolve and more earnest desire towards the things that are highest and best. Confirm us, we beseech thee, in the hopes and purposes with which we begin the year; and, whether it be marked by unsought gifts of happiness, or by unexpected trials and sorrows, may it be to us all a year of blessing. Amid all the changes and losses that time must bring, may we rest in thee who changest not; and as these fleeting days and years are numbered, one by one, with the past, may we think on the eternal years, and find our comfort, our strength, our life, in thee. *Amen.*

#### LX.—GOOD FRIDAY.

O GOD who, in the life and teachings of thy holy Son, Jesus Christ, hast shewed us the true way of blessedness: thou hast shewed us also, in his sufferings and death, that the path of duty may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Oh, give us grace to learn these harder lessons of pain, and darkness, and affliction. May we take up our cross and follow Christ, in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such true fellowship with him in his sorrows, that we may know the secret of his strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the shining of thine eternal light. *Amen.*

## LXI.—EASTER.

○ LORD of life, who dwellest in eternity, and who hast planted in our hearts the faith and hope which look beyond the scenes of our mortal life to another country, even a heavenly one : we give thee thanks, this day, for the bright shining of the light of immortality in Jesus Christ. As he has shewed us the blessedness of heaven on earth, and has called us into a kingdom not of this world, so may our life be made ever richer in the things that do not pass away. May we be raised up, in the power of his spirit, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness ; and, striving now to follow in that path of duty and love in which he ever walked on earth, may we be prepared to follow him in hope and trust through all the darkness of the grave, into the world of light whither he has led the way. And when our spirits shrink before the mystery of life and death, may we be comforted by the thought of that immortal love which knows no change ; and feel that, whether we live or die, we are safe in thine everlasting arms. *Amen.*

## LXII.—WHITSUNTIDE.

○ GOD, who hast breathed thy holy Spirit into the hearts of thy faithful servants, sending them forth in thy might to speak the word and to do the work which has been entrusted to them by

thee : send down upon us all, we pray thee, that Spirit of holiness and wisdom and strength. Enlighten our minds that we may know what thou wouldst have us do ; strengthen our hands that we may labour steadfastly to the end, and may faint not in thy service. Thou hast bestowed upon us a diversity of gifts ; give us all the same spirit, that with one heart and one mind we may glorify thee, speaking the truth in love, and filling our lives with good deeds and faithful affections. In that spirit may we be strong to fight the good fight of faith, to conquer evil, and bear witness to the truth, and help to bring in that kingdom of righteousness and peace which was proclaimed by thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### LXIII.—IN WINTER.

○ GOD, who rulest the changing seasons, and fulfillest, in all, thine own unchanging purposes : we bless thee that, beneath all that now in winter seems cold and dead, thou art keeping safe the hidden germs of life, and preparing for the days when the earth shall bud and blossom again, and again bring forth her harvest. And still dost thou oft-times clothe all things around us with the perfection of beauty, when thou sendest forth thy frost and snow, and fillest the brief day with thy sunshine ; and all night long thou makest the heavens above us glorious with the countless stars. For all



thou givest us thus to enjoy we praise thy goodness, and adore thine unsearchable wisdom and power. And we thank thee, Father, for the shelter of our homes, for the security and comfort of our firesides. Oh, grant that we may ever have a kind and compassionate heart towards all whose lot is harder, and who, in poverty or sickness, in homelessness and want, shrink before the cold and the storms of winter. May we enjoy no blessing which thou hast given us, without the desire and purpose to do what we may to help and cheer those who are less happy than ourselves. And may we be permitted to work with thee in preparing for the coming of a brighter season of hope for all, and the awakening of the whole world to new life and light in thee. *Amen.*

#### LXIV.—IN SPRING.

**O** THOU, whose life-giving energy flows ceaselessly through all things: we rejoice in the glorious revealing of thyself in Nature, in the tokens of thy might and of thy love which we behold on every side. We thank thee for all the bountiful gifts and the gracious promise of this season of brightness and hope, when we trace again the workings of that unseen power which, with each returning spring, calls forth fresh life and growth, and renews the face of the earth. And while we bless thee for the beauty which thou



sheddest around our path, we pray that it may find some reflection in our own lives, in the beauty of holiness, and the grace of gentleness and pure affection, and in the peace of a good conscience. May thy creative spirit be breathed into us, with power to freshen and renew our life, and fill thy sanctuary in our souls with strength and beauty; and may the precious seed of thy word fall into good ground, where it may spring up and bear fruit according to the measure which thou hast appointed. *Amen.*

#### LXV.—IN SUMMER.

O THOU, from whom cometh all the gladness and brightness of life: we praise thee for the riches of thy bounty which thou pourest out in these days of summer. Thou fillest the heavens with radiance, and causest the earth to rejoice in the abundance of thy gifts. Thou preparest the coming harvest; and, while thou art mindful of our outward needs, thou makest our hearts glad with the beauty and wonder of thy creation, and providest the things whereby our inward life is quickened and refreshed. For all the greatness and glory of Nature we bless thee, and we would join with grateful hearts in the song of praise which all the earth raises to thee. And as we adore thy love in the things which so clearly reveal thy presence, so will we trust thee when thy

ways are hidden, and the days of darkness come. When we may not walk by sight, we will walk by faith, and still will bless the Lord who crowneth us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, and whose truth endureth for ever. *Amen.*

LXVI.—IN AUTUMN. THANKSGIVING FOR THE  
FRUITS OF THE EARTH.

WE praise thee, O thou Source of all life and strength and blessing, for the bountiful provision which thou makest for the wants of thy children, giving rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness. We would bring thee now our joyful thanksgiving for the harvest of the fields, and all the increase that the fertile earth has yielded. Thou hast ordered the course of the changing seasons, and appointed a time for sowing and a time for reaping ; and while men have toiled, or watched, or rested from their work, thy providence has never failed, and thou hast prepared for them the reward of their labours. As we seek after the things that are needful for our mortal life, providing for ourselves food and raiment and shelter, and whatever outward good thou grantest us, may we grow richer in the things of the spirit, and in all that makes us truly thy children. May we enjoy the gifts of thy bounty in wisdom, temperance and thankfulness, ever mindful of the love which

bestowed them. And may the remembrance of thy fatherly goodness to us make our thoughts kind and gracious towards all our brethren whom we may help and cheer; that we may be ever generous and considerate, ready to succour the needy and to feed the hungry, and rejoicing to lighten any burden of poverty and distress. So may we show forth the power of that loving and self-denying spirit which was in Christ, and become less unworthy to be called thy children, and to receive thine unnumbered gifts of blessing. *Amen.*

LXVII.—FOR A HUMANE SPIRIT TOWARDS ALL  
GOD'S CREATURES.

○ GOD, on whose creative power and sustaining providence all things depend: thou hast formed the world, and made it to be a home of life, and hast set the tokens of thy goodness on every side. When we muse on the works of thy hand, and delight in the manifold gifts of thy fatherly love, may we remember that not we only but all living things which thou hast made have part in thy mercies, and are thought of and cared for by thee. May our thankfulness for our own blessings turn our hearts towards all our fellow pensioners on thy bounty, towards everything that feels and lives and rejoices in the gladness of thy creation. May we never in wilfulness or heedlessness give pain to any of thy creatures, or despise

those humbler lives which thou hast commended to our pity and protection ; but with gentleness and love may we reverence this trust from thee. *Amen.*

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### LXVIII.—SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU, who preparest for us, in thy fatherly compassion, the quiet shelter of the night, giving us rest from our labours and renewal of strength : give us rest this day, we pray thee, from all undue cares and wearying burdens, that we may, with joyfulness of heart, and peace and refreshment of mind, spend its hours in communion of spirit with each other and with thee. May our inward strength be renewed, and our hearts be made pure to receive the light of thine eternal wisdom, thy perfect holiness and unchanging love. And when, on the morrow, we return to our daily work, may we strive to be true to the holier purposes and higher aims to which we have devoted ourselves in our prayers and meditation. And grant, O God of peace, that we may find, not only on our day of rest, but in all our labour and conflict, and in every experience of our mortal life, the peace which thou alone canst give, the repose of faith and trust in thee. *Amen.*

## LXIX.—MORNING.

O GOD, who hast wakened us to a new day, and made thy sun to shine again upon our earthly path: we bless thee for the light that shines within, for the beams of that day-spring from on high which lightens our darkness, and guides our feet into the way of peace. Father, keep us by thy Spirit steadfast in the duties, and patient in the trials, which this day may bring. May we follow in the path of holiness which has been marked and trodden by thy saints, and may we be cheered and strengthened by the fellowship of brethren and fellow-labourers in thy cause. And when the evening comes may we say in our hearts, The Lord hath been with us this day. *Amen.*

## LXX.—MORNING.

WE render thanks unto thee, O Lord our God, that thou hast sheltered, supported, and led us on through the time past of our life, and brought us to this hour. And we pray and beseech thee, O good and loving Father, grant us to pass this day without sin, and, if it be thy will, in joy, health and peace. Wherein we have sinned against thee, in word, or deed, or thought, may we be truly penitent, and may we receive into our hearts the comfort of thy forgive-

ness. Be with us, O God, who hope in thee. Save us in the hour of temptation, and deliver us from evil thoughts and desires, by that pure and holy Spirit which was in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## LXXI.—SUNDAY EVENING.

**O** GOD, who givest us these quiet hours of holy thought and prayer : we thank thee for the rest which thou hast granted us, and the peace which thou hast breathed into our souls this day. As the shadows of evening gather, and the sheltering darkness is drawn around us, we would commend our spirits to thy care, and lie down to rest in thee. And, when the morning calls us forth again to serve thee, may thy love renew the blessing which we have sought to-day ; and, in new strength for toil, and a holier spirit of devotion to thy will, may we receive thy merciful answer to our prayers. *Amen.*

## LXXII.—EVENING.

**E**TERNAL God and most merciful Father, grant us the assistance of thy grace and holy Spirit ; that, as our bodies shall this night take their natural rest, even so our souls may rest in the thought of thy goodness, and quiet themselves in thee. May we now, and at all times,

find in thee our true inward peace. Let thy mighty hand and outstretched arm be our defence, thy mercy and loving-kindness our salvation, thy holy Spirit our comfort and strength, now and evermore. *Amen.*

## LXXIII.—EVENING.

○ THOU, who dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, keep us, we beseech thee, during the dark and silent hours of the night; and, when all the night and darkness of this dying life are passed away, grant that we may awake to behold the light of a more perfect day, and dwell in the brightness of thy nearer presence, for ever. *Amen.*

## LXXIV.—EVENING.

○ THOU, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, on whom alone, while all around us changeth, we may lean with perfect trust: grant us this night to feel thy everlasting arms around us, and, safe in thy love, to sleep and be refreshed. Or if in wakefulness, pain, or sorrow, we must count the hours of darkness, grant us still to believe that thy love faileth not, and still to rest in faith on thee, our Father and our God. *Amen.*



## BEFORE OR AFTER SERMON.



## LXXV.—FOR DIVINE ASSISTANCE.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life. *Amen.*

LXXVI.—THAT WE MAY KNOW AND DO  
GOD'S WILL.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee ; and grant that they may both perceive and know, what things they ought to do, and also have grace and power to fulfil the same in the spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LXXVII.—THAT OUR PRAYERS MAY BE  
ANSWERED AS IS BEST FOR US.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast espe-



cially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to make known unto thee our humble requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

LXXVIII.—WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE SHOULD  
PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us in the fulness of thy love and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LXXIX.—THAT WE MAY PRAISE GOD IN OUR  
LIVES.

GOD of grace and love, we have lifted up our souls to thee, and have sought the communion of thy holy Spirit. We have praised thee with our lips: grant that we may praise thee in our lives, and find thy presence in our daily work, and our daily trials and cares. May our united song of faith and thanksgiving, our common con-

fession of sin, and our prayer for help and strength, unite us, hand and heart, as fellow-workers, and brethren of one household of faith. And may the words of our mouth, and the meditations of our heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

LXXX.—FOR INWARD STRENGTH AND PEACE.

○ THOU who hearest prayer, we thank thee that we have been permitted to meet together in thy presence, and to spend a peaceful hour in communion with thee. Give us grace, O God, to keep our hearts and minds at peace amid all the labours and conflicts of our lives. May thy felt presence within our souls lay our cares to rest, give comfort in the time of trial, and strength to obey every call of duty. We would go forth with thy hand laid upon us, and with the light of thy love shining on our path. Oh, lead us in thy truth and teach us ; and bring us through the ways of earth ever nearer to heaven and thee. *Amen.*

LXXXI.—FOR LIGHT IN OUR LIFE.

○ THOU infinite source of all life and blessedness, we pray that the light which shines in our hearts in moments of devout communion and

holy thought and prayer, may never fade and die out of our life. May thy word that is spoken to us when our spirit listens and we are still, speak to us with power when we return to our daily labours, and encounter again the strife and care, the difficulties, the doubts, the temptations, by which thou triest us. In all be thou our light and our strength. Shew us thy truth, inspire us with thy love ; and enable us to live in all simplicity and godly sincerity, in the faithful spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LXXXII.—THAT WE MAY BE FAITHFUL TO WHAT  
WE HAVE RECEIVED.

○ LORD, who hast taught us that, not the hearers of the word, but the doers, are justified in thy sight: let us go hence with an earnest and steadfast resolution, with quickened zeal, and renewed devotion to thy service. If any true word of thine has been spoken to us, if any ray of thy heavenly light has shone upon us, if any holy desire and righteous purpose has arisen within us, may we be faithful to what we have received, that all our thoughts and actions may henceforth be more in harmony with thy perfect will. Let thy blessing be upon our up-rising and our lying down, upon our going out and our coming in now and evermore. *Amen.*

## LXXXIII.—FOR THE FRUIT OF HOLY LIVING.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruits of holy living, to the honour and praise of thy name. *Amen.*

## LXXXIV.—THE CLOSE OF EVENING WORSHIP.

NOW, O Father, we ask thy blessing on the prayers and praises in which we have lifted up our souls to thee this day. May we go to our rest with a peaceful sense of thy besetting presence, and abide for ever under the shadow of thy wing. May every season of quiet communion with thee, and meditation on things unseen, be a preparation for more diligent work and more earnest thought. Oh, send us hence in the spirit of hope and resolve, and confident trust in thy guidance. Give us a lofty aim and a settled purpose in life, a heart filled with thy love, and a will in harmony with thine. And may we all strive, even as we pray, that thy kingdom may come, and thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*



## BENEDICTIONS.

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### 1.

MAY the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, peace which the world can neither give nor take away, be with us now, and abide in our hearts for ever. *Amen.*

### 2.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

NUMBERS vi. 24-26.

### 3.

MAY the blessing of God, our heavenly Father, be with us now, and remain with us for ever. *Amen.*

### 4.

NOW may the peace of God rule in your hearts, and the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom. *Amen.* COLOSSIANS iii. 15, 16.

## 5.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*                      PHILIPPIANS iv. 7.

## 6.

MAY God breathe his holy Spirit into our hearts; and may we be made one with him, in the fellowship of Christ, and of all the true children of our Father in heaven. *Amen.*

## 7.

THE Lord bless us and keep us in all our ways, and make his light to shine around us and within. The Lord hear us in all time of our need, and watch over us and give us peace. *Amen.*

## 8.

NOW the Lord of peace himself give us peace always, by all means. The Lord be with us all. *Amen.*                      2 THESSALONIANS iii. 16.

## 9.

MAY the spirit of Christ, the spirit of divine sonship and human brotherhood, be with us, and make us one in faith and love, now and evermore. *Amen.*

## 10.

NOW may the blessing of God be upon us.

May his truth direct us, and his love sustain us; and may he preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth, even for evermore. *Amen.*

## 11.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 CORINTHIANS xiii. 14.

## 12.

AND now, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace be with you. *Amen.*

2 CORINTHIANS xiii. 11.

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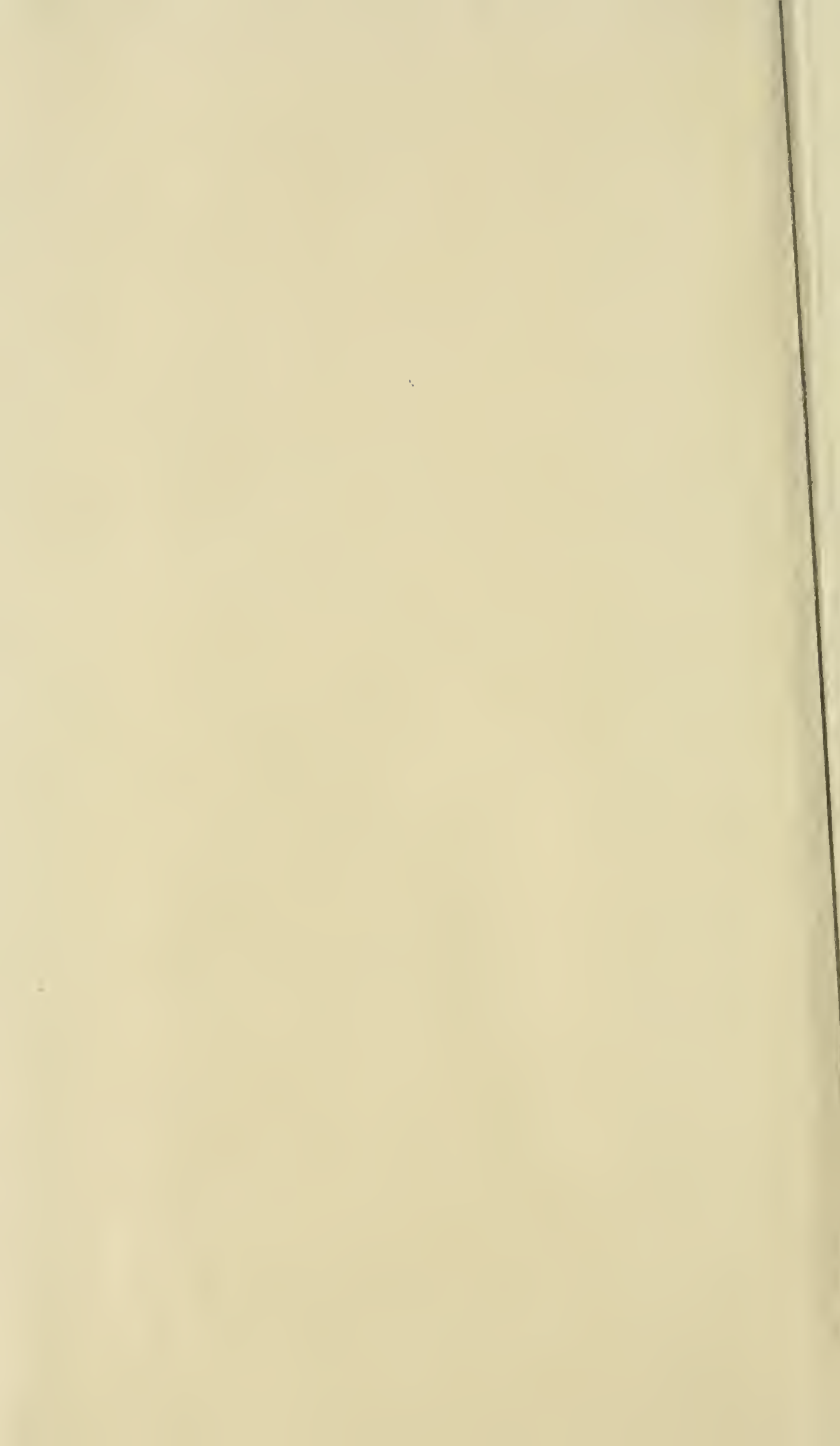
NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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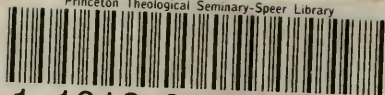




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